

NOW, MOST OF YOU SHOULD KNOW THIS ALREADY, BUT WE USE SCAN SHEETS FOR OUR PRACTICE TESTS.

THIS DOES NOT, HOWEVER, MEAN YOU CAN GO THE LAZY PATH OF *MULTIPLE GUESS!*

I EXPECT EVERYONE TO SHOW THEIR WORK ON A PIECE OF SCRAP PAPER.

...IS SOMETHING WRONG, MS SCTURIDAE?

...UH...

...IT'S JUST THAT... I...

UH...

...YOU'VE NEVER USED A SCAN SHEET BEFORE, HAVE YOU?

OH. MY. GOD. HOW HARD IS IT TO FILL IN CIRCLES?

WHAT A BABY.

A cartoon illustration of two girls. The girl on the left has long brown hair and is wearing a green shirt. The girl on the right has long orange hair and is also wearing a green shirt. The background is light yellow with the word 'SKRITCH' repeated in a stylized, outlined font.

A cartoon illustration of a girl and a boy sitting at a desk. The girl, on the left, has long brown hair and large white eyes, wearing a green shirt. The boy, on the right, has green hair and glasses, wearing a white shirt. They are both looking towards the right. The background is a light yellow color with the word 'SKRITCH' repeated many times in a stylized, outlined font. The girl is holding a yellow pencil, and the boy is holding a pen. There are papers on the desk in front of them.



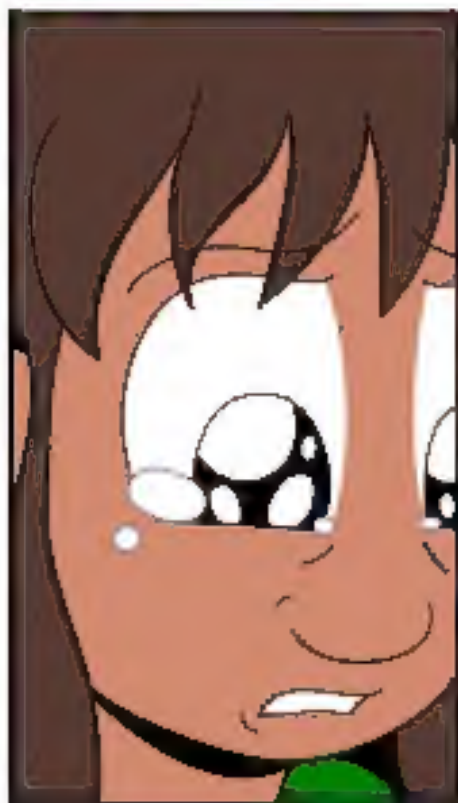
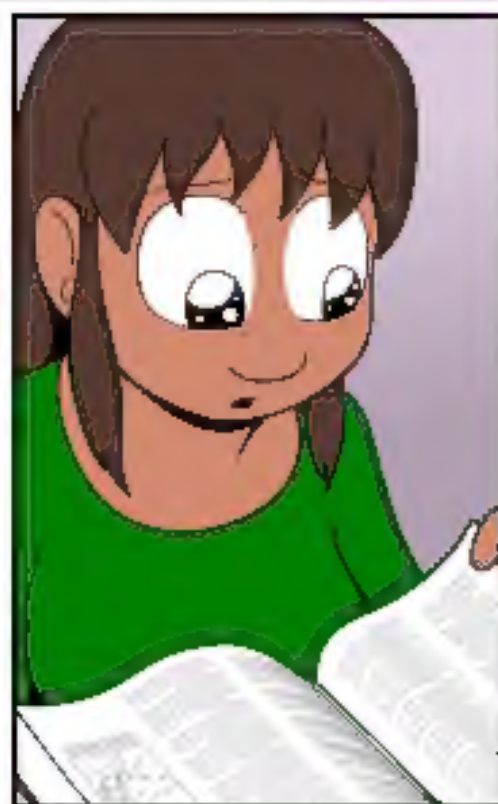
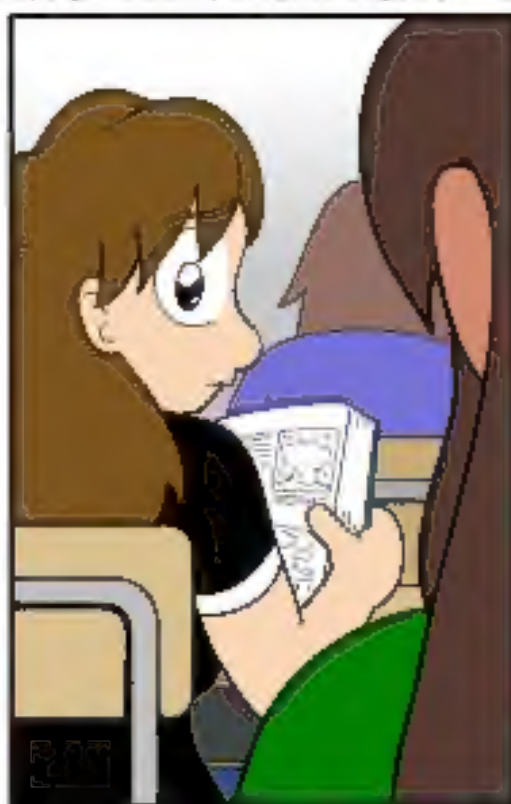
WORLD WAR II? HOW MANY HAVE WE HAD?

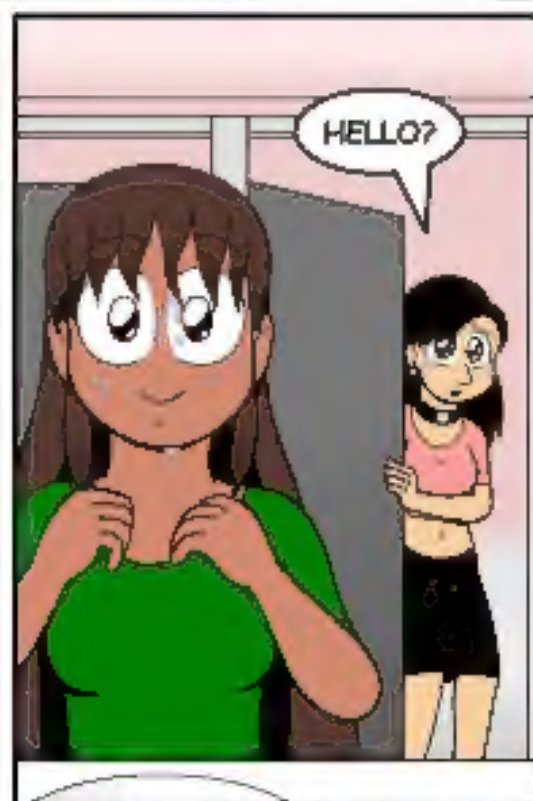
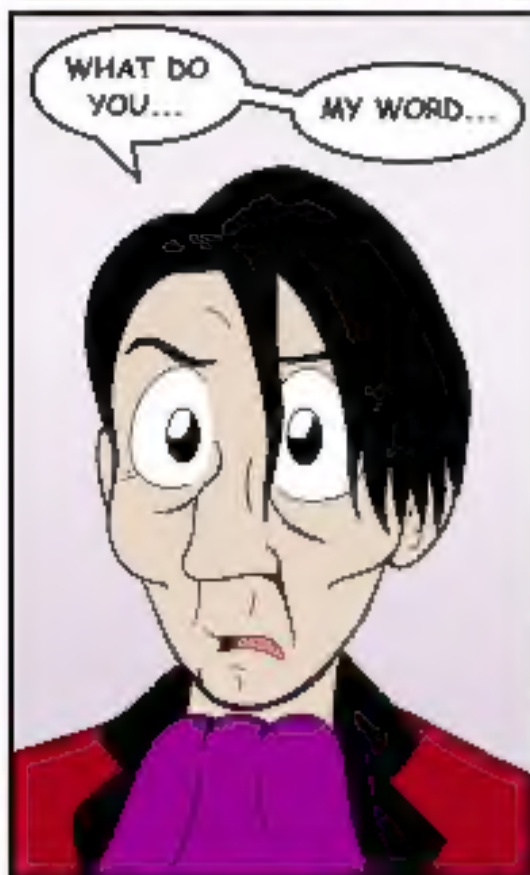
I KNOW YOU'RE NEW HERE, MS SKAH-YURDEE...

BUT YOU SHOULD KNOW I DON'T CARE FOR CLASS CLOWNING. I ALSO DON'T CARE FOR TEACHING ASSISTANTS WHO FORGET TO GRADE MY QUIZZES, SO YOU'LL FORGIVE ME SHOULD I REFUSE TO SUFFER YOUR FOOLISHNESS.

...WHAT?

JUST GET TO READING BEFORE I GIVE YOU DETENTION.









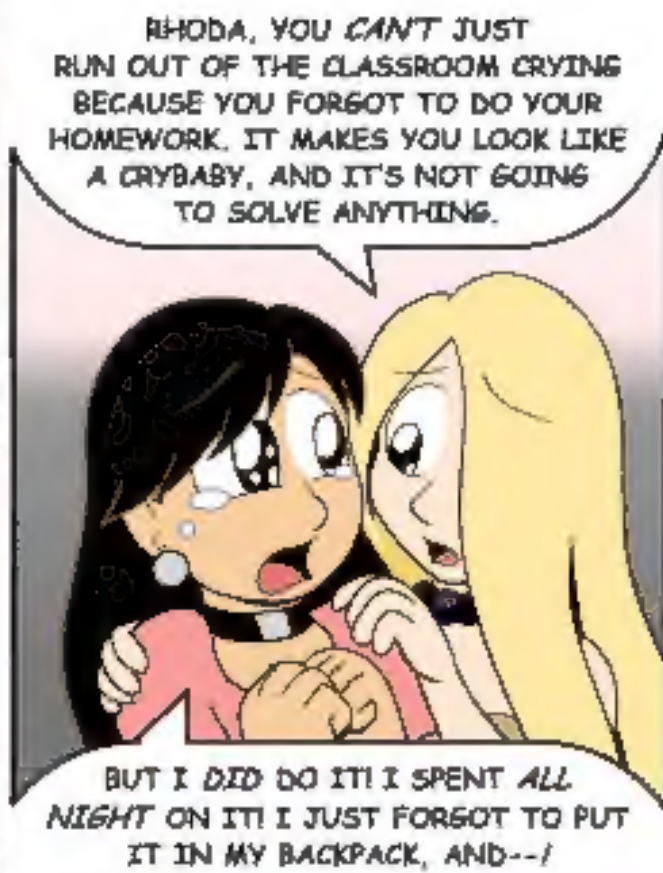
AREN'T YOU THAT NEW KID?

I--

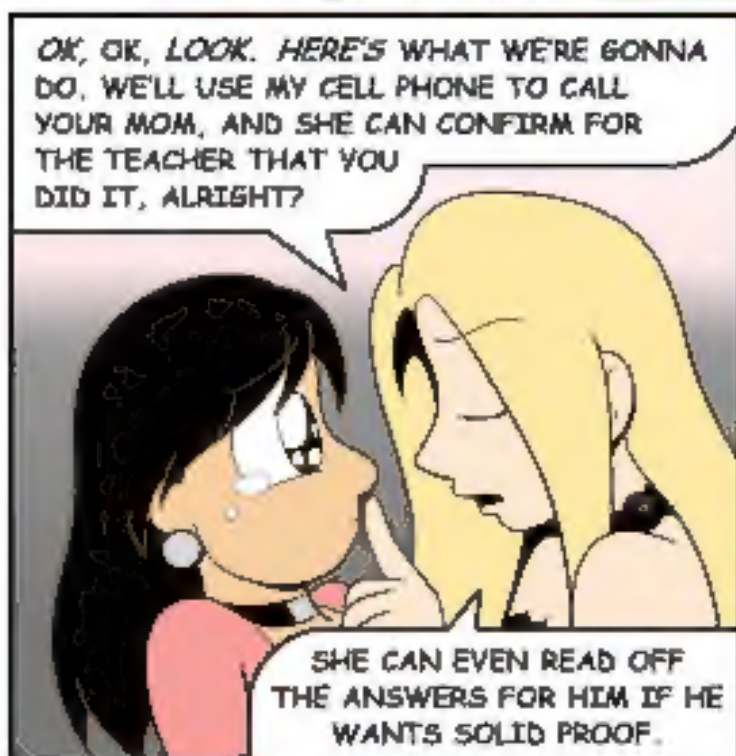


WHATEVER.

I DON'T CARE.



BUT I DID DO IT! I SPENT ALL NIGHT ON IT! I JUST FORGOT TO PUT IT IN MY BACKPACK, AND--!



OK, OK, LOOK. HERE'S WHAT WE'RE GONNA DO. WE'LL USE MY CELL PHONE TO CALL YOUR MOM, AND SHE CAN CONFIRM FOR THE TEACHER THAT YOU DID IT, ALRIGHT?

SHE CAN EVEN READ OFF THE ANSWERS FOR HIM IF HE WANTS SOLID PROOF.



OH, THANK YOU, DIANE! THANK YOU!

YEAH, YEAH, SETTLE DOWN, PUP.



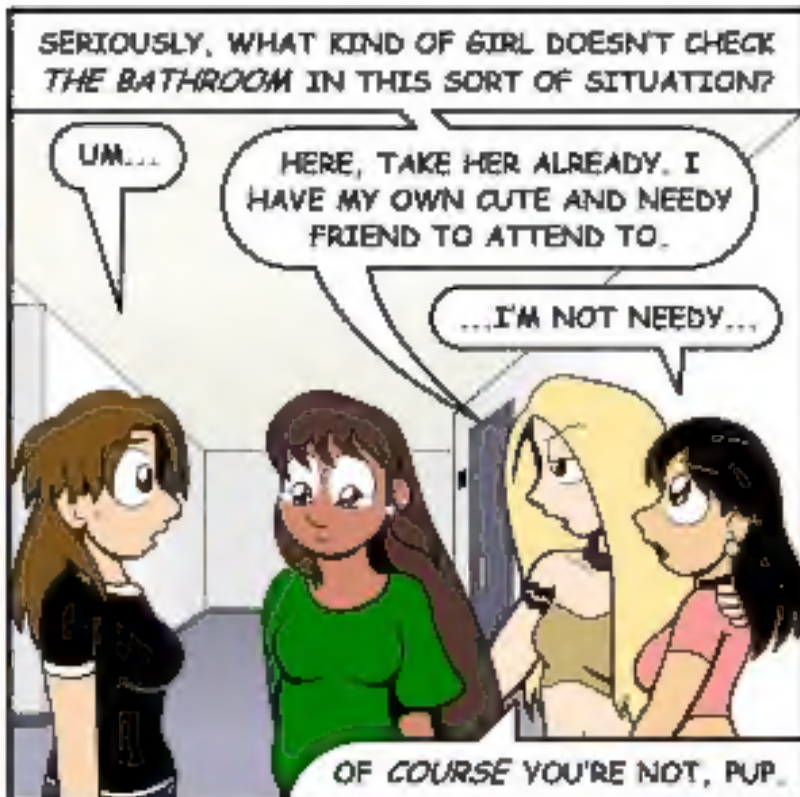
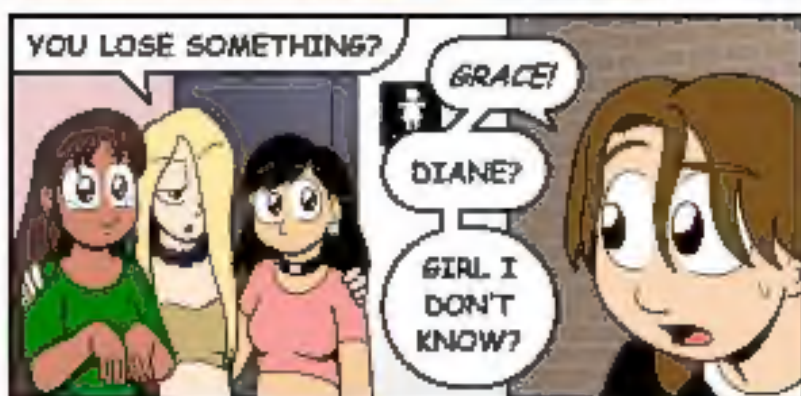
"WHINE"



...UH, LOOK, I DON'T KNOW YOU AND I DON'T REALLY CARE, BUT IF THERE'S ANYTHING I CAN DO ABOUT WHATEVER IT IS YOU'RE BLUBBERING ABOUT--



OK, YOU HAD BOTH BETTER HAVE CLEAN HANDS!



I'M SORRY I RAN OUT OF THE CLASSROOM LIKE THAT, ELLEN. I COULDN'T STOP THE TEARS, AND I DIDN'T WANT TO CRY IN FRONT OF EVERYONE...



GRACE, I'M TRYING TO BE SYMPATHETIC, BUT IF YOUR GOAL IS FITTING IN, *RUNNING OUT OF THE CLASSROOM IS NOT THE WAY TO DO IT.*

BUT NOBODY ELSE SEEMED UPSET. I MEAN, I GUESS IT MAKES SENSE... NONE OF US WERE ALIVE WHEN IT HAPPENED...



WHY SHOULD WE CRY WHEN READING ABOUT THE DEATH AND TORTURE OF MILLIONS OF PEOPLE WHEN IT HAPPENED SO LONG AGO?



AND IT'S NOT LIKE ANY OF THEM WERE PREOCCUPIED WITH THOUGHTS COMPARING HITLER AND DAMIEN AND REALIZING THAT MILLIONS OF PEOPLE ARE WILLING TO FOLLOW THEIR SORT OF IDEALS AND THAT GIVING HIM A CHANCE TO SURRENDER WAS PROBABLY STUPID AND WRONG AND--

HEY, HEY, GRACE, CALM DOWN, OK? CALM DOWN...

I'M SORRY, I'M SORRY!



WE'RE READY FOR YOU NOW.

DON'T YOU HAVE A CLASS TO TEACH?

I HAVE A HALL MONITOR THERE TO KEEP ORDER FOR NOW.

OK, SO WE'RE CLEAR: YOU CAN ALL DO WHATEVER YOU WANT SO LONG AS THERE'S NO EVIDENCE OF CARNAGE WHEN RAVEN GETS BACK. DEAL?

DEAL!

AWESOME!

YAY FOR DISORDER!



ACCORDING TO MR. RAVEN, MS. SKURADEE, HAVING NO PRIOR KNOWLEDGE OF WORLD WAR 2, BECAME UPSET UPON READING ABOUT IT AND RAN OUT OF THE CLASSROOM, CLOSELY FOLLOWED BY MS. DUNKEL, WHO SEEMED TO HAVE PRIOR KNOWLEDGE BUT WAS CONCERNED FOR MS. SKURADEE.



BASICALLY, YEAH, BUT IT'S PRONOUNCED SKWUR-UH-DEY.

Y-YES... "I WAS RAISED AND HOME SCHOOLED BY--"

I AM AWARE OF YOUR HISTORY, MS. SCIURIDAE, AND I APOLOGIZE FOR THE MISPRONUNCIATION. I WAS ATTEMPTING TO GO BY THE FAMILY NAME FOR SQUIRREL, WHICH IS SPELLED THE SAME WAY, BUT NOBODY SEEMS TO AGREE ON HOW IT'S PRONOUNCED.



NOT THAT I'M CALLING YOU A SQUIRREL, OF COURSE.

I WOULDN'T TAKE OFFENSE.



PRINCIPAL WASHINGTON, GIVEN THAT BOTH STUDENTS RAN OUT IN THE MIDDLE OF CLASS AND THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING IT, I BELIEVE THEY SHOULD BE ISSUED DEMERITS, BUT NOT ENOUGH TO RESULT IN DETENTION.

WOW. THAT'S... PRETTY LENIENT...



I... ALSO BELIEVE THAT GIVEN MS... SKWUR-UH-DEY'S APPARENT LACK OF HISTORICAL KNOWLEDGE, WE SHOULD SERIOUSLY CONSIDER PLACING HER IN A REMEDIAL COURSE.

REMEDIAL? BUT
BUT I DON'T WANT TO
BE REMOVED! I WANT TO
STAY WITH ELLEN I--

I DON'T
SUGGEST THIS
LIGHTLY!

UNFORTUNATELY, IF YOU ARE COMPLETELY
UNINFORMED WHEN IT COMES TO HISTORY
AND ARE DEPENDANT UPON YOUR FRIEND
HERE, IT WILL HAVE A NEGATIVE IMPACT
ON BOTH OF YOUR EDUCATIONS AND COULD
SLOW DOWN THE ENTIRE CLASS SHOULD I
ATTEMPT TO KEEP YOU UP TO SPEED IF YOU
CAN'T KEEP UP WITH THE REST OF THE CLASS--

WORLD WAR
II WAS
INITIALLY
TWO SEPARATE
CONFLICTS!

THOUGH WAR WAS DECLARED,
THERE WAS LITTLE FIGHTING
DURING THAT WINTER,
RESULTING IN THE PERIOD
UP UNTIL MAY OF 1940 TO BE
SOMETIMES REFERRED TO AS
"THE PHONY WAR" GERMANY
INVADED DENMARK AND--

DID YOU SERIOUSLY
JUST SAY THAT?

THIS ISN'T
COURT YOU
KNOW

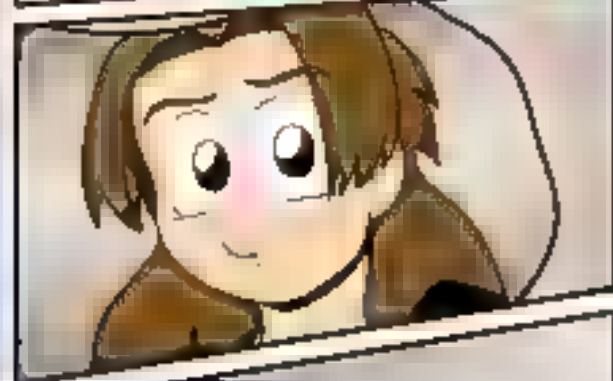
IT BEGAN WITH THE SECOND
SINO-JAPANESE WAR IN 1937
FOLLOWED BY GERMANY'S INVASION
OF POLAND ON SEPTEMBER 1ST
1939! WITH THE COOPERATION OF
THE SOVIET UNION! WAR WAS
OFFICIALLY DECLARED BY FRANCE
AND BRITAIN ON SEPTEMBER 3RD.
DIPLOMACY WAS ATTEMPTED, BUT
FAILED TO PREVENT FIGHTING!

OBJECTION!

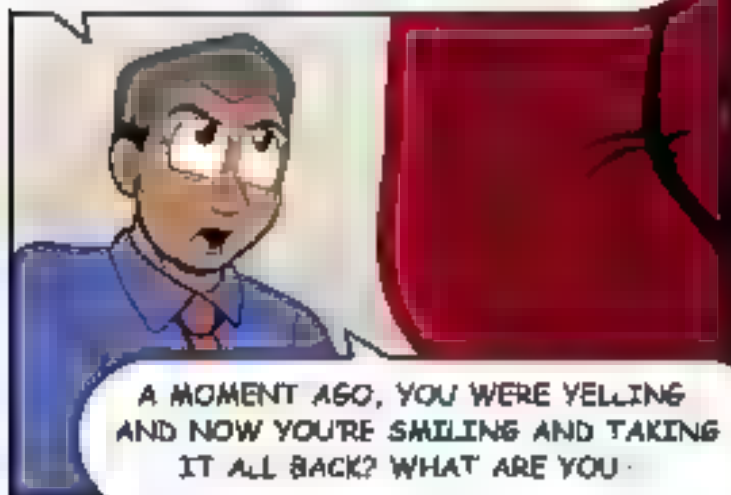
DO YOU REALLY EXPECT ME
TO BELIEVE THAT YOU ARE
ABLE TO RECALL ALL OF THIS
INFORMATION AND TO HAVE
GOTTEN FAR ENOUGH IN IT
TO BECOME AS UPSET AS YOU
DID? I FELT SORRY FOR
YOU BUT YOU

WHAM!

...YOU ARE A LIAR!



MR RAVEN, WHAT DID I JUST SAY ABOUT BEHAVING WEIRDLY AND CREEPLY?



A MOMENT AGO, YOU WERE YELLING AND NOW YOU'RE SMILING AND TAKING IT ALL BACK? WHAT ARE YOU

OH, DON'T MIND ME

DIDN'T GET ENOUGH SLEEP LAST NIGHT,

LOW BLOOD SUGAR

BIT MY TONGUE,

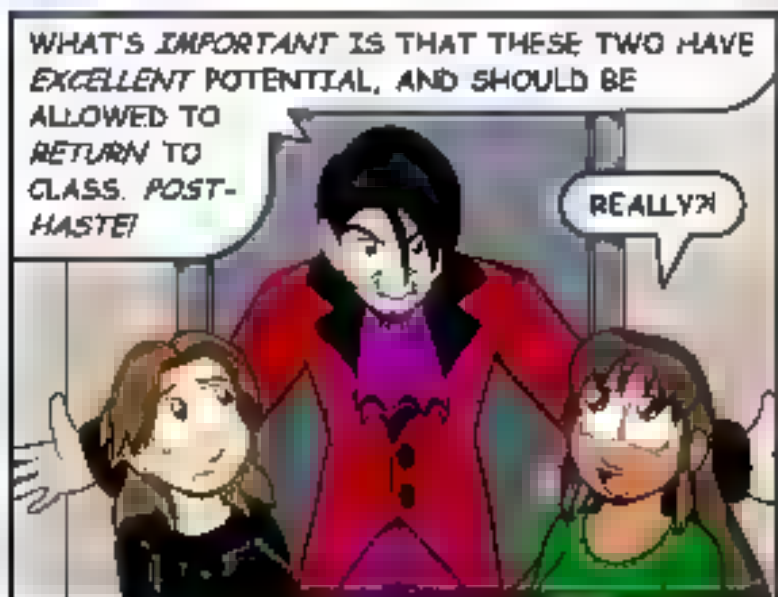
CUT OFF IN TRAFFIC.

YOU KNOW HOW IT IS



WHAT'S IMPORTANT IS THAT THESE TWO HAVE EXCELLENT POTENTIAL, AND SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO RETURN TO CLASS. POST-HASTE!

REALLY?



WHAT'S IMPORTANT IS THAT WE DO WHAT'S BEST FOR THEM--



WHICH WOULD BE LETTING GRACE STAY IN MY CLASS. SHE CAN CLEARLY KEEP UP YOU SAW IT YOU ALL SAW IT!

SHE CLEARLY CAN KEEP UP WITH YOUR CLASS BUT THERE'S MORE HISTORY SHE NEEDS TO KNOW TO DO WELL ON THE STATE PROFICIENCY EXAMS IN THE SPRING SHE CAN STAY BUT I STRONGLY SUGGEST GETTING A HISTORY TUTOR



YES A TUTOR. SPLENDID!

I SHALL ARRANGE FOR ONE MYSELF I BELIEVE I KNOW OF SOME-ONE YOU'D LIKE

I'LL SEE YOU TWO BACK IN CLASS



HAHAHAHAAA!!!



IS THAT THE STRANGEST HE'S. ?

I'VE SEEN WORSE



WELL, THAT WAS REALLY WEIRD, BUT I GUESS IT WORKED OUT ONLY PROBLEM IS RAVEN GETTING YOU A TUTOR. IT'S NOT LIKE YOU REALLY NEED ONE WITH YOUR MEMORY



ACTUALLY, I PROBABLY DO

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? YOU--

THAT WAS MOSTLY SHORT TERM MEMORY



SHORT TERM?

I CAN REMEMBER TONS OF STUFF SHORT TERM AND SUPPOSEDLY HAVE ABOVE AVERAGE LONG TERM MEMORY BUT WITHOUT ADDITIONAL STUDYING I'M NOT GOING TO CLEARLY REMEMBER A BUNCH OF THOSE DATES AND STUFF TOMORROW



OH UM, OK, YEAH YAY TUTOR BUT STILL, THAT WENT BETTER THAN I THOUGHT IT WOULD

ALL WE HAVE TO DO NOW IS KEEP A



LOW PRO

FILE

AH.



CHOOO!!!



HOW IS THAT KEEPING A LOW PROFILE?



GREAT AGAIN WITH THE HIDING IN THE BATHROOM!

IF YOU DIDN'T WANT TO BE IN HERE. YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE ZAPPED YOURSELF WE'RE LUCKY THAT HALLWAY WAS EMPTY!

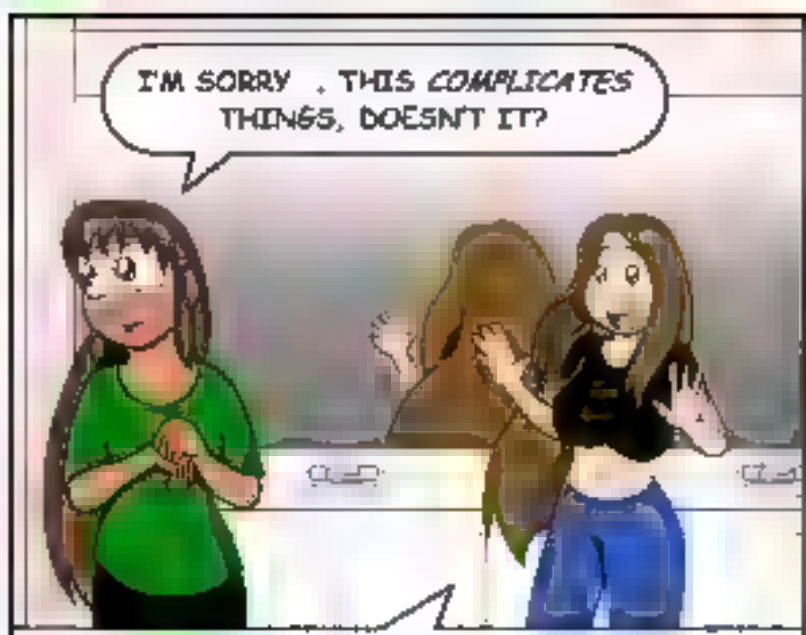


I DIDN'T MEAN TO! IT JUST HAPPENED WHEN I SNEEZED!

SNEEZING EQUALS ZAPPING!



I GUESS! I MEAN MAYBE STRONG SNEEZES DO I MUST'VE SNEEZED BETWEEN THE NIGHT OF THE DIAMOND AND NOW BUT DAMN!



I'M SORRY . THIS COMPLICATES THINGS, DOESN'T IT?

NO, NO! DON'T WORRY IT'S ALL GOOD! I-I JUST NEED TO WAIT A MOMENT ZAP MYSELF BACK TO NORMAL. AND AVOID CERTAIN THINGS! LIKE DUST! A. AND PEPPER! NO PEPPER WITH LUNCH!



THIS COULD BE IT THE OPPORTUNITY I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR!

ALL I HAVE TO DO IS WAIT FOR ELLEN TO EAT DINNER WITH ELLIOT AND AMPLIFY ANY DESIRE ELLEN MAY HAVE FOR PEPPER TO ITS MAXIMUM!

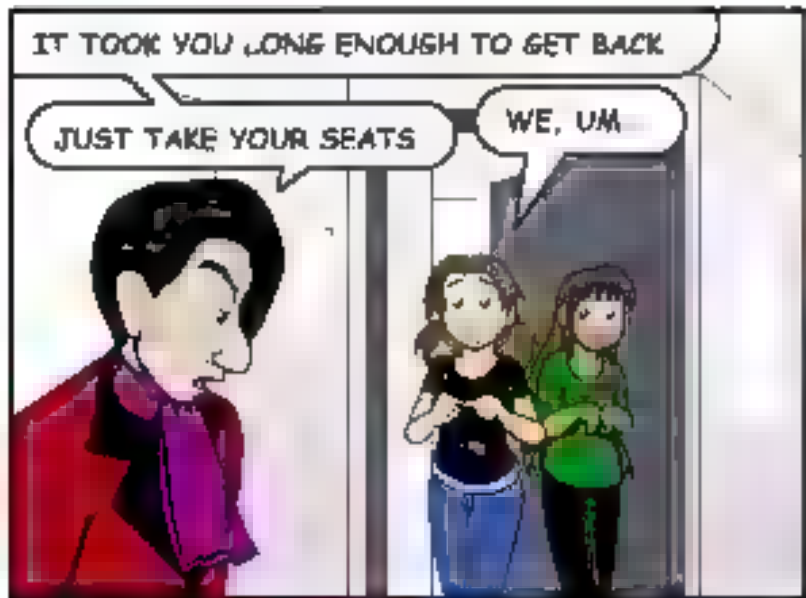


HAHAHAHA



WOW

I REALLY AM DESPERATE FOR A PLAN



IT TOOK YOU LONG ENOUGH TO GET BACK

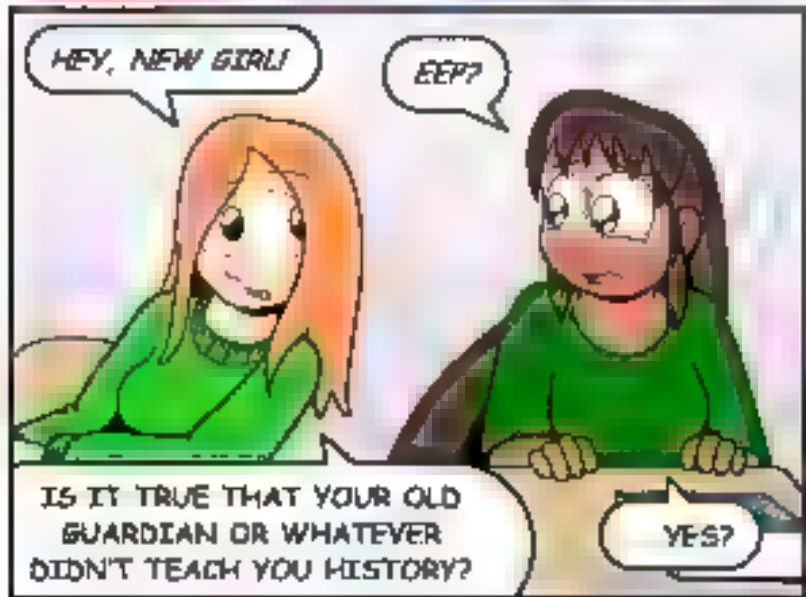
JUST TAKE YOUR SEATS

WE, UM



THEY PROBABLY ALL HATE ME

I'VE NEVER FELT SO STUPID.



HEY, NEW GIRL!

EEP?

IS IT TRUE THAT YOUR OLD GUARDIAN OR WHATEVER DIDN'T TEACH YOU HISTORY?

YES?



AW MAN, THAT SUCKS

YEAH WHAT DID THEY THINK WAS GONNA HAPPEN WHEN YOU FOUND OUT ABOUT THIS STUFF?



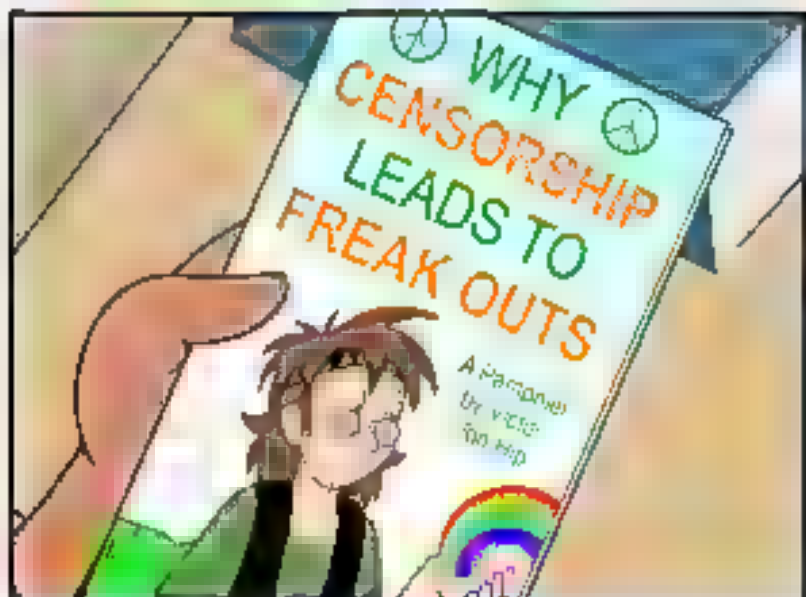
SEE, THAT'S WHY CENSORSHIP IS EVIL, MAN. THEY THINK THEY'RE ALL PROTECTING YOU FROM BAD VIBES WITH THEIR CENSOR BARS AND BLEEPS AND PIXILATION, BUT IT S REALLY ALL JUST A FREAK OUT FACTORY MAN!



SILENCE YOURSELVES, PEOPLE

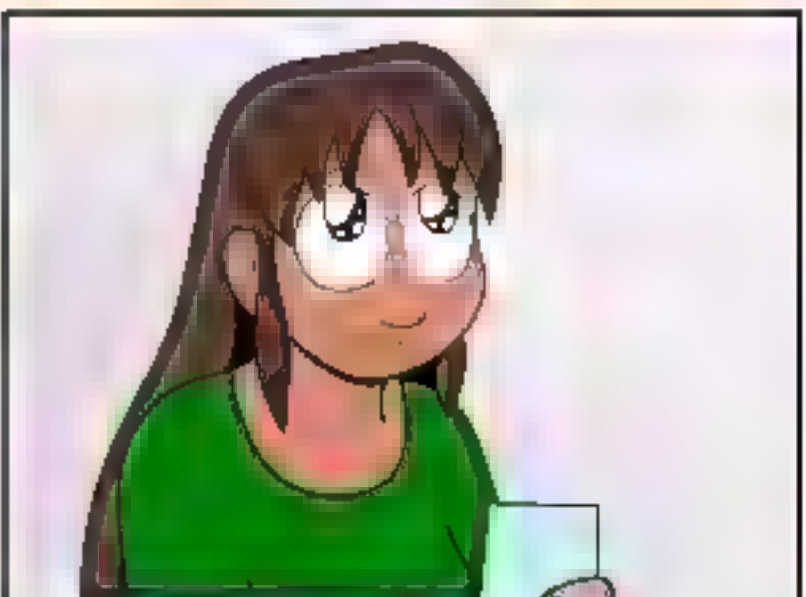
SILENCE!

IT'S ALL HERE IN THIS PAMPHLET



WHY CENSORSHIP LEADS TO FREAK OUTS

A Pamphlet by VICKI GOO HUP



SISTER II: AWAKENINGS



LUNCH! , WELL, ALMOST

I HOPE GRACE IS DOING OK AT SOUTH.

I'M SURE SHE'S FINE. SHE'S GOT ELLEN IN EVERY CLASS TO KEEP AN EYE ON HER. I'M MORE WORRIED ABOUT SUSAN.

SUSAN? GRACE HAS ZERO EXPERIENCE WITH SCHOOL. HOW IS SUSAN WORSE OFF THAN HER?

HAVEN'T YOU OVERHEARD PEOPLE TALKING ABOUT HER? IT'S LIKE SHE'S BEING MOCKED BY THE ENTIRE SCHOOL.

SORRY, I'VE BEEN TOO WORRIED ABOUT MY GIRL-FRIEND TO EAVESDROP

I WASN'T EAVES. DROPPING PEOPLE ARE LOUD.

WHATEVER SUSAN'S USED TO DEALING WITH JERKS. SHE'LL BE FINE.

I HATE THIS STUPID SCHOOL AND EVERYONE IN IT!

EVEN US?

ESPECIALLY YOU!

WHAT?

NO, SORRY I'M JUST STRESSED OUT. ALL I'M TRYING TO DO IS HELP PEOPLE AND I'M GETTING NOTHING BUT GRIEF FOR IT.

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO IF THE PRINCIPAL DOESN'T CHANGE THE UNIFORM POLICIES?

WORST CASE SCENARIO? I TRANSFER TO ANOTHER SCHOOL.

YOU'D SWITCH SCHOOLS OVER THIS?!

HEY, I'M NOT WEARING A SKIRT EITHER. I LEAVE ON MY OWN OR I GET EXPELLED FOR EXCESSIVE DRESS CODE VIOLATIONS. I'D RATHER WALK OUT THAN BE THROWN OUT.

WELL, THIS SCHOOL MAY BE FULL OF JERKS, BUT WE'LL HELP YOU OUT ANY WAY WE CAN, RIGHT, TEDD?

YOU BET WE WILL! ESPECIALLY IF HELPING INVOLVES SKIRT SNATCHING!

WELL, ALL THE SAME, THANK YOU, .

IT'S NOT LIKE IT WAS A PANTY JOKE YEESH.

ALTHOUGH ELLIOT'S WILLINGNESS TO HELP IS PRETTY MUCH A GIVEN

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WHAT?
I'M JOKING

THAT WAS
A JOKE

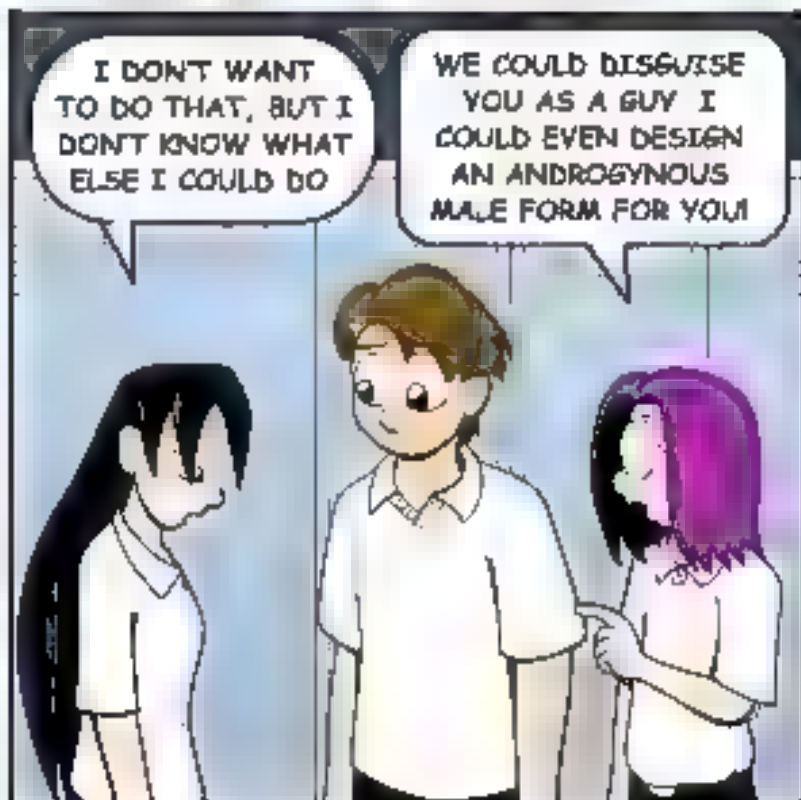
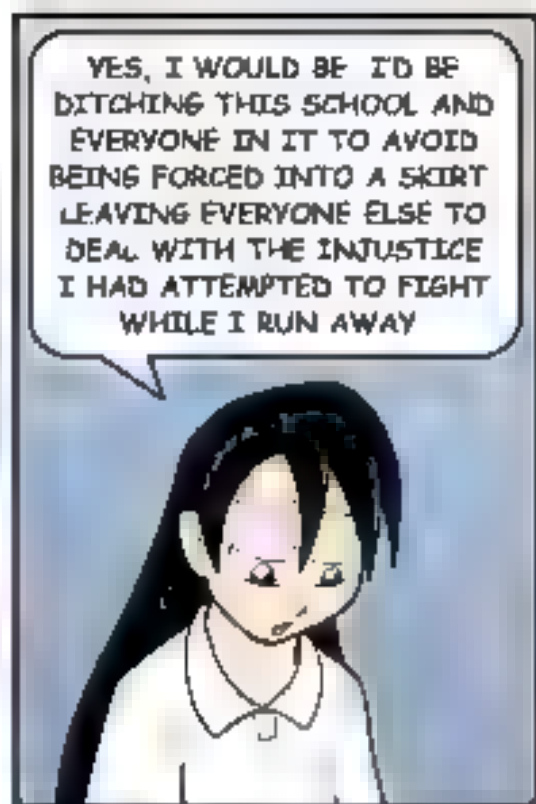
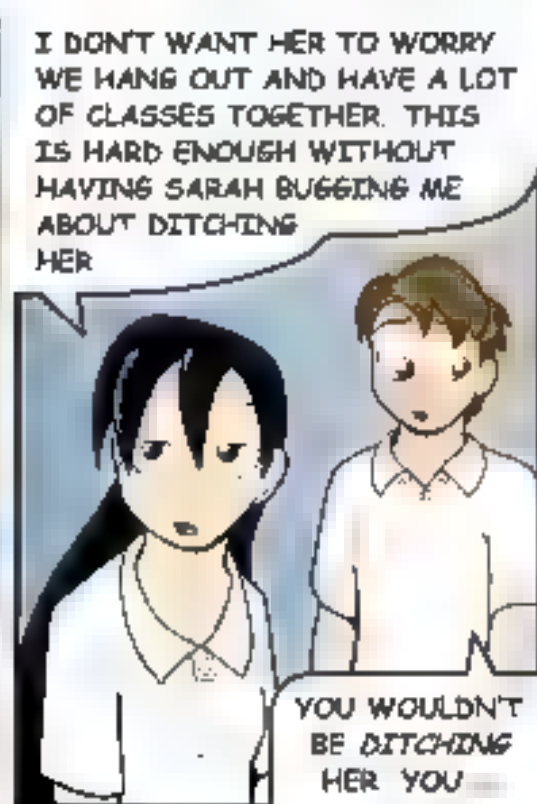
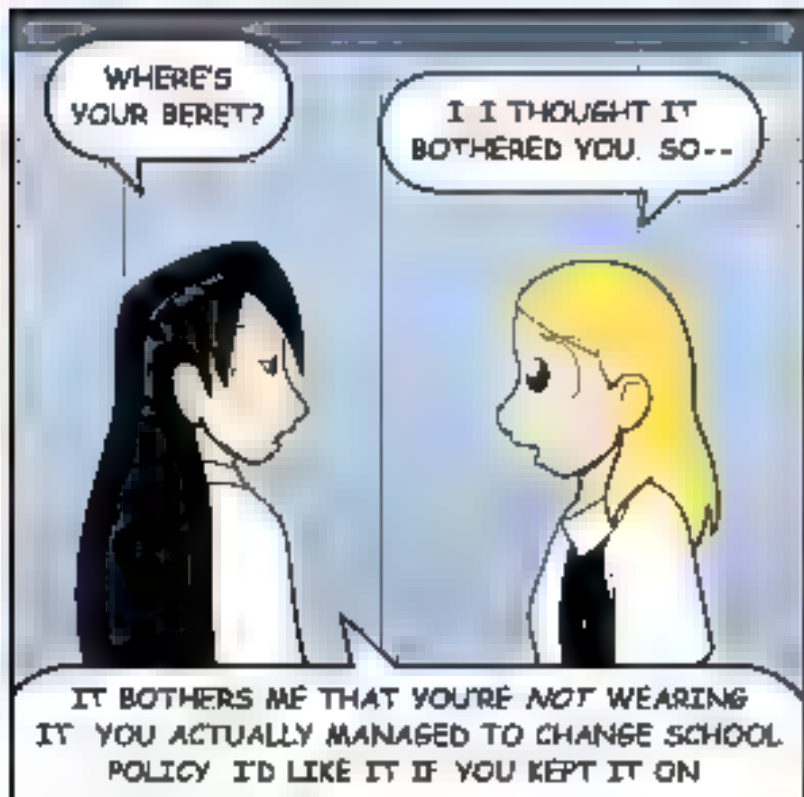
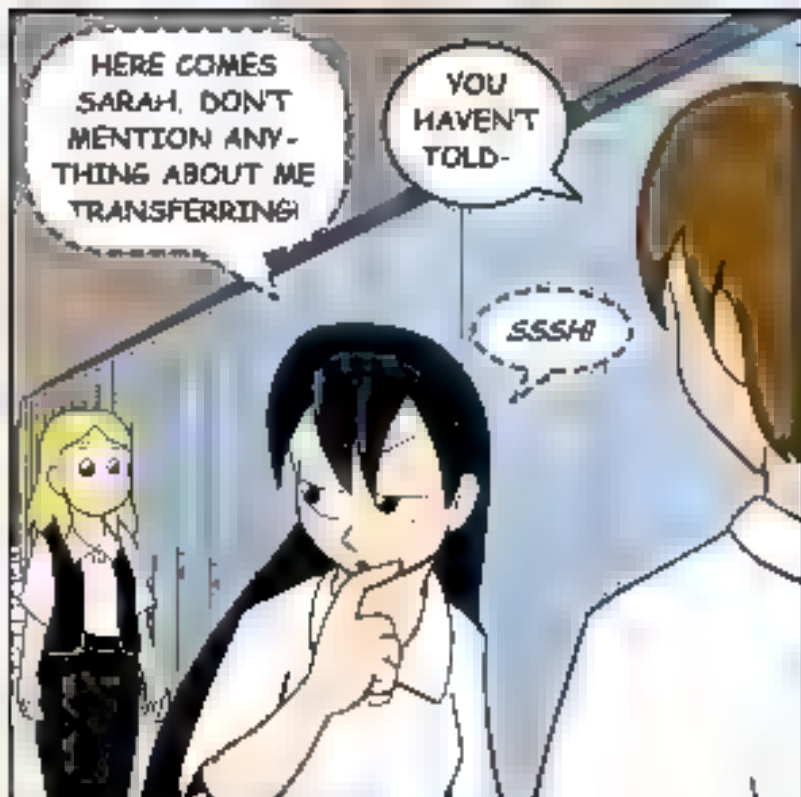
I'M NOT
ALLOWED TO
JOKE?!

SHOULD I FEEL COMPLIMENTED OR INSULTED?

GOT SOME GOOD ONES, TOO

I'M SORRY, ELLIOT I DON'T WANT TO BELITTLE YOUR ASSISTANCE BUT YOU CAN'T HELP BUT HELP PEOPLE YOU'D RISK YOUR LIFE TO SAVE YOUR WORST ENEMY IF IT CAME DOWN TO IT

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PLATONIC
FRIENDSHIP
HUG!

YEEPI

ELLEN?

I SAID BOTH "PLATONIC" AND
"FRIENDSHIP", WHAT PART OF
THAT WASN'T ACCEPTABLE?!

OH
SORRY

THE PART WHERE
I ALMOST DROPPED
MY LUNCH!

SO HOW'S YOUR DAY BEEN?
YOU KNOW, ASIDE FROM GRACE
RUNNING OUT OF CLASS

YOU
HEARD ABOUT
THAT?

EVERYONE'S HEARD ABOUT THAT
KINDA SUCKS FOR YOUR LOW PROFILE
BUT BASED ON MY EAVESDROPPING--

YOU
EAVESDROP?

A PARANOID HABIT I
PICKED UP AFTER I WAS
OUTTED ANYWAY

GRACE PEOPLE SEEM TO THINK YOU'RE NICE, BUT
NAÏVE AND THAT YOU'VE GOTTEN A BUM DEAL
BEING SO SHELTERED THEY SEEM MORE LIKELY TO
BADMOUTH THE "OLD WOMAN WHO RAISED YOU",
AND CENSORSHIP IN GENERAL, THAN YOU

SO MOSTLY
GOOD?

STILL SOME MOCKING AND DISLIKE
BUT GIVEN THAT THIS IS HIGH SCHOOL,
YEAH, YOU'RE COMING OUT AHEAD.

ELLEN, PEOPLE SEEM TO THINK YOU'RE A BIT
SCARY, BUT THEY ALSO THINK YOU'RE HOT AND
TAKING CARE OF GRACE SO I'VE BEEN HEARING
MOSTLY POSITIVE STUFF ABOUT YOU, TOO

THOUGH SOME OF IT DEPENDS
ON WHETHER YOU COUNT "I'D HIT
THAT" AND SUCH AS POSITIVE

WOW! EXCEPT FOR THE WHOLE
"LOW PROFILE" BIT, IT SOUNDS
LIKE WE'RE DOING GREAT!

PRETTY MUCH YEAH THOUGH
THERE IS A LOT OF TALK ABOUT
YOU BEING A LESBIAN.

MMPH?!

THEY THINK WE'RE GAY?!

NO THEY
THINK YOU'RE
GAY THEY THINK
GRACE IS JUST
REALLY NAÏVE

WHAT?!



YOU ARE BISEXUAL. I OVERHEARD
SOMEONE SAY SOMETHING ABOUT
A "GAYDAR" EARLIER. DID SOMEONE
USE ONE ON ELLEN?!

UM, NO LOOK, HAVE
ANY OF YOU EVER SEEN THE
MOVIE "AMERICAN CAKE"?



OH OH, CRAP

WHAT? WHAT
"OH CRAP"?!

YOU'VE
NEVER SEEN
IT?!

I DON'T WATCH
A LOT OF MOVIES!



I HAVEN'T SEEN IT EITHER, BUT APPARENTLY,
ONE OF THE RUNNING GAGS IS A *WORLDLY
LESBIAN* MISLEADING HER *NAÏVE STRAIGHT
FRIEND* INTO DOING ALL SORTS OF *RISQUÉ*
STUFF WITH HER.



SOME PEOPLE HAVE LATCHED
ONTO THAT IDEA AND SEE YOU
TWO AS REAL LIFE VERSIONS
OF THOSE CHARACTERS



BUT THAT DOESN'T MAKE *SENSE!* THE
MOST WE'VE DONE IS HUGGED AND HELD
HANDS, AND I ALWAYS STARTED IT!

WHAT?

YOU ACTUALLY HELD
HANDS? I THOUGHT THEY
MADE THAT PART UP

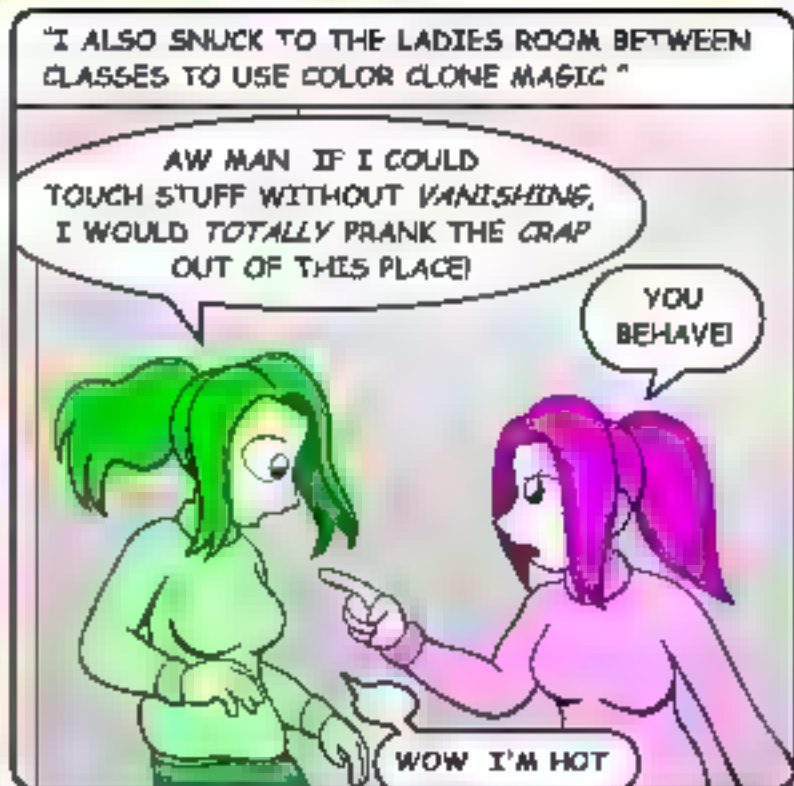
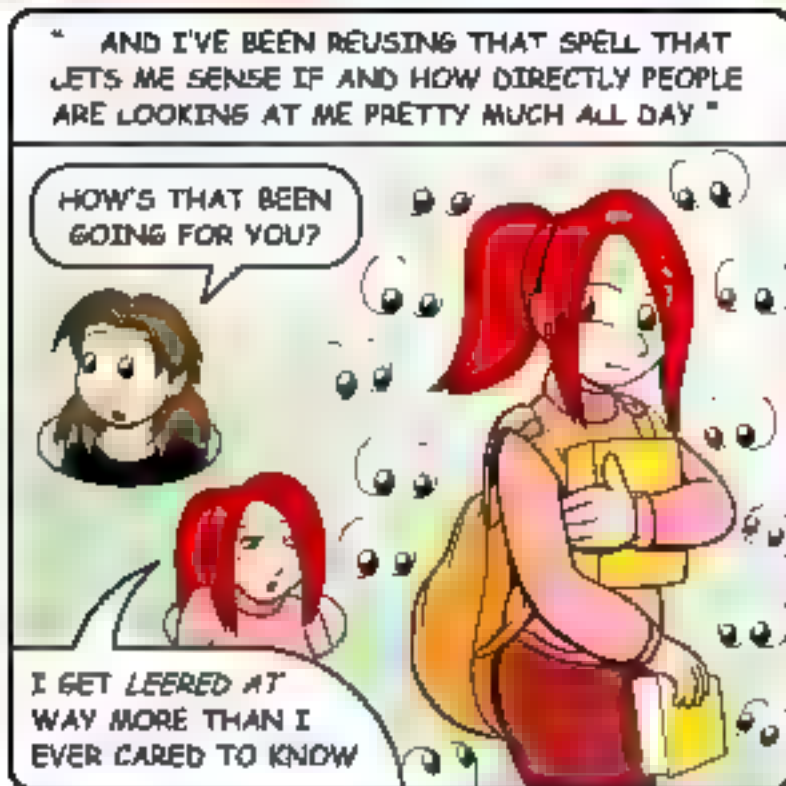


NEVERMIND LIKE I SAID, THEY WANT IT
TO BE A REALITY, AND YOU TWO ARE THE
CLOSEST THING THEY'VE FOUND TO IT
I THINK THEY'RE MOSTLY JOKING AROUND.
BUT SOME MIGHT TAKE IT SERIOUSLY

OK, FIRST OFF
GRACE? YOU NEED TO
CUT BACK ON THE
PHYSICAL CONTACT

SECONDLY?
WE'RE *RENTING*
THAT MOVIE





AREN'T YOU GOING TO EAT ANYTHING, SUSAN?

I DON'T HAVE TIME I NEED TO ADJUST MY PLANS FOR OUR FEMINIST MEETING THIS AFTERNOON, SEEING AS HOW MUCH THIS SCHOOL HATES ME

YOU'LL GET MORE SUPPORT BEFORE YOU KNOW IT TAKE ME, FOR EXAMPLE. I KNOW IT'S WRONG SO I'M WILLING TO HELP OUT EVEN THOUGH THE CURRENT UNIFORM SYSTEM MAKES ME LOOK MORE MANLY

IF YOU'RE SO CONCERNED ABOUT LOOKING "MANLY" YOU SHOULD JUST GET A HAIRCUT

AW, CRAP

WHAT? DID I SAY SOMETHING WRONG?

THEY'VE HEARD THE RANT TO FOLLOW BEFORE I DON'T CUT MY HAIR FOR PRECISELY THAT REASON!

WHAT REASON?

LONG HAIR LOOKS GIRLY

UM, YES, THAT'S EXACTLY MY POINT HOW IS THAT AN ARGUMENT FOR YOU KEEPING YOUR HAIR LONG?

IT MAKES ME LOOK MORE MANLY

WHAT?!

PEOPLE BLAME THE HAIR. I'VE TESTED IT WITH THE TF GUN AND I STILL LOOK GIRLY WITH SHORT HAIR, BUT IT'S MORE OBVIOUS THAT IT'S BECAUSE I HAVE A GIRLY FACE

SO LONG AS I HAVE LONG HAIR PEOPLE BLAME IT AND THE REST OF ME LOOKS MANLIER BY COMPARISON!

I THINK YOU'VE INJURED MY BRAIN.

INJURED IT WITH LOGIC?

SURE LET'S CALL IT "LOGIC"

AFTER SCHOOL, THE FEMINIST CLUB MEETING

THEY'RE
FIFTEEN
MINUTES
LATE

DON'T WORRY
SUSAN THEY'RE
USUALLY LATE

NOT THIS LATE

TARDY JACKASSES

HEY, SUSAN

FINALLY!
LET'S GET
STARTED.

UM
YEAH ABOUT
THAT

WHAT?
WAIT

NO, NO NO
YOU'RE NOT

SORRY SUSAN BUT WE ALL ONLY JOINED THIS
CLUB FOR AN EASY EXTRACURRICULAR TO HELP US
GET ACCEPTED AT THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

SO YEAH SORRY
BUT WE'RE LIKE,
OUT OF HERE

I MIGHT TRY OUT
FOR CHEERLEADING! YOU
KNOW, IF MY BOYFRIEND
SAYS IT'S OK

BUT THERE ARE LIKE,
OTHER CLUBS? AND THIS CLUB'S ALL,
LIKE, UNPOPULAR? AND GAY?

JACKASSES!



I-IT'S OK. SUSAN.
WE DON'T NEED -

YES, WE DO!



CLUBS NEED A MINIMUM OF SEVEN MEMBERS
TO BE RECOGNIZED BY THE SCHOOL! WE WON'T
BE ABLE TO SET UP INFORMATION TABLES
DURING LUNCH OR EVEN PUT UP SIGNS WITH-
OUT GETTING BURIED IN DEMERITS!

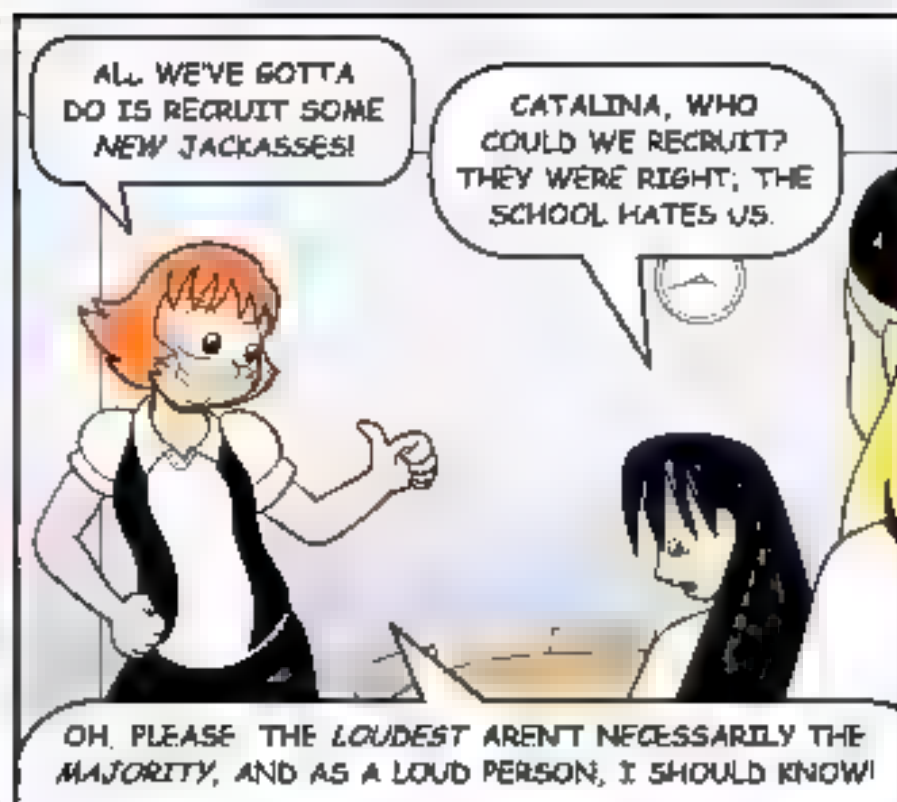
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NO, THEY DIDN'T

WHAT?

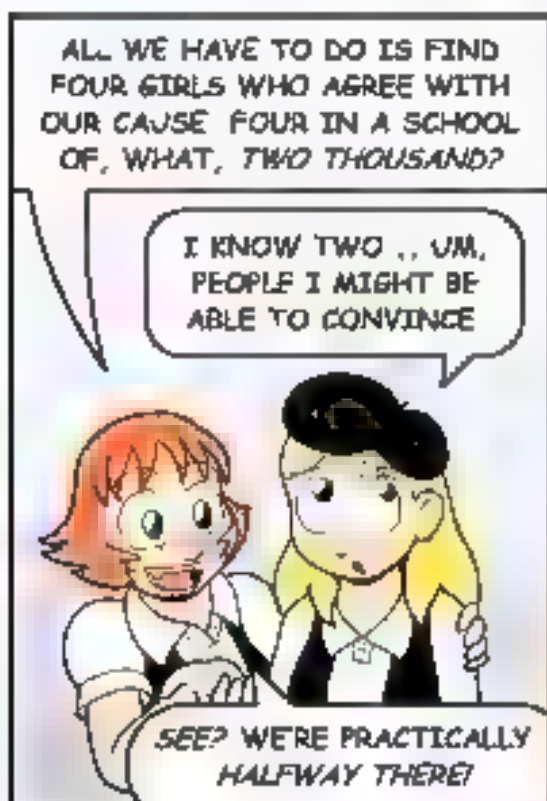
AS APPEALING AS AN ANARCHY-FILLED
PROTEST SOUNDS, WE HAVE AT LEAST A
WEEK TO RE-FILL THE RANKS BEFORE THEY
CAN EVEN CONSIDER CANCELING THE CLUB.



ALL WE'VE GOTTA
DO IS RECRUIT SOME
NEW JACKASSES!

CATALINA, WHO
COULD WE RECRUIT?
THEY WERE RIGHT; THE
SCHOOL HATES US.

OH, PLEASE THE LOUDEST AREN'T NECESSARILY THE
MAJORITY, AND AS A LOUD PERSON, I SHOULD KNOW!



ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS FIND
FOUR GIRLS WHO AGREE WITH
OUR CAUSE FOUR IN A SCHOOL
OF, WHAT, TWO THOUSAND?

I KNOW TWO .. UM,
PEOPLE I MIGHT BE
ABLE TO CONVINCE

SEE? WE'RE PRACTICALLY
HALFWAY THERE!



OK LET'S DO
THIS, THEN

HELL YEAH!

SOME TIME LATER

AND YOU'RE CERTAIN THIS "VICTOR" MAKES GOOD PAMPHLETS?

OH, YEAH. CHECK OUT HIS PAMPHLET ON HIS PAMPHLETS

VAGUELY DISTURBING, BUT GOOD WELL, WE'D BEST PACK IT UP SARAH, YOU STILL WANT A RIDE?

YEAH, I JUST NEED TO GRAB A BOOK FROM MY LOCKER AND I'LL BE READY TO GO

I'LL BE HERE

FEELING BETTER, SUSAN?

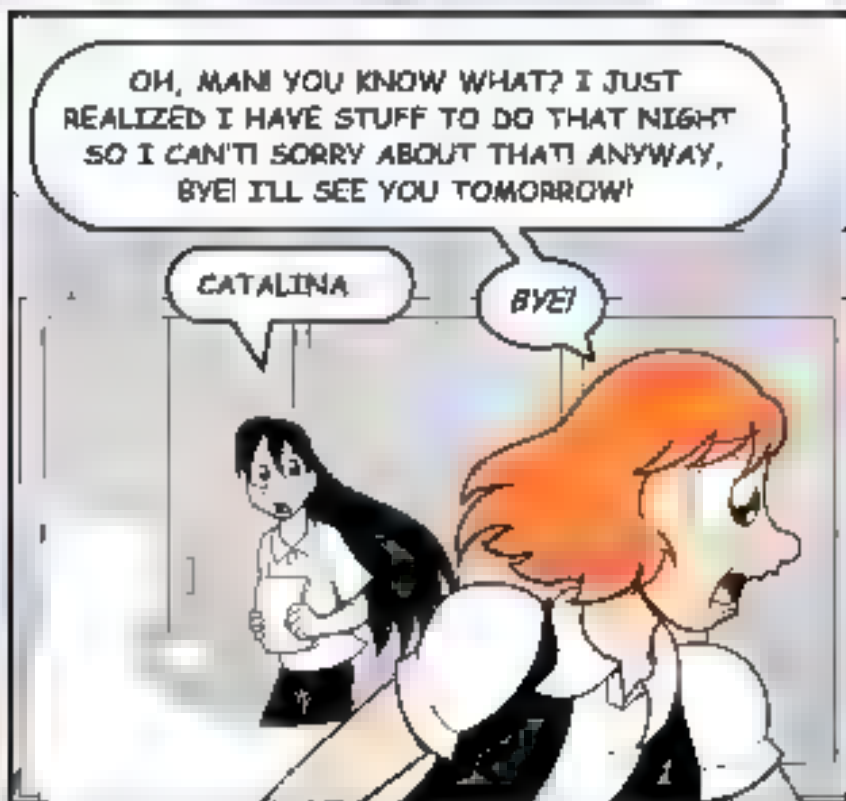
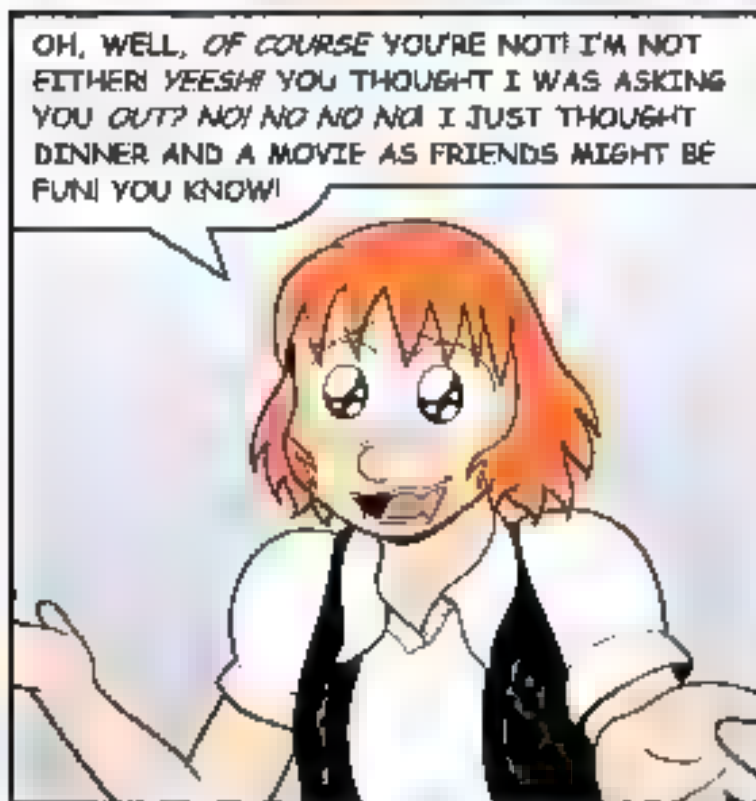
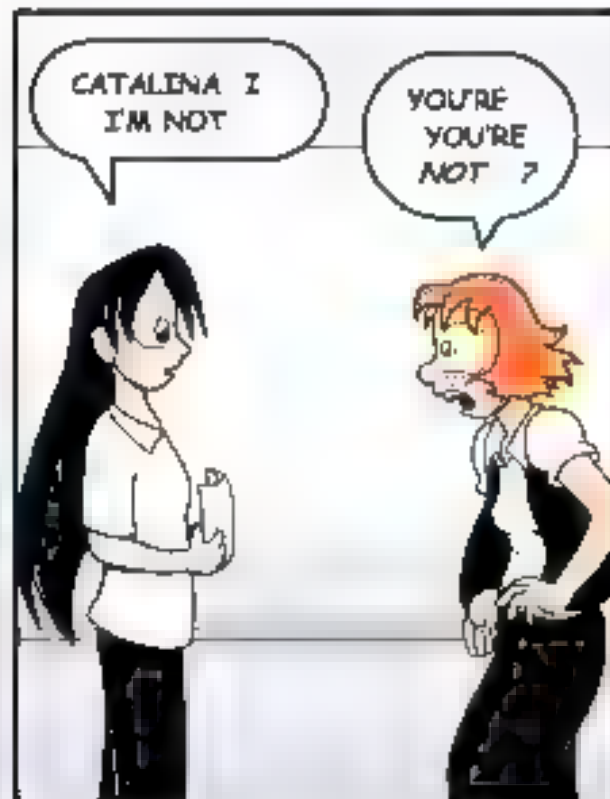
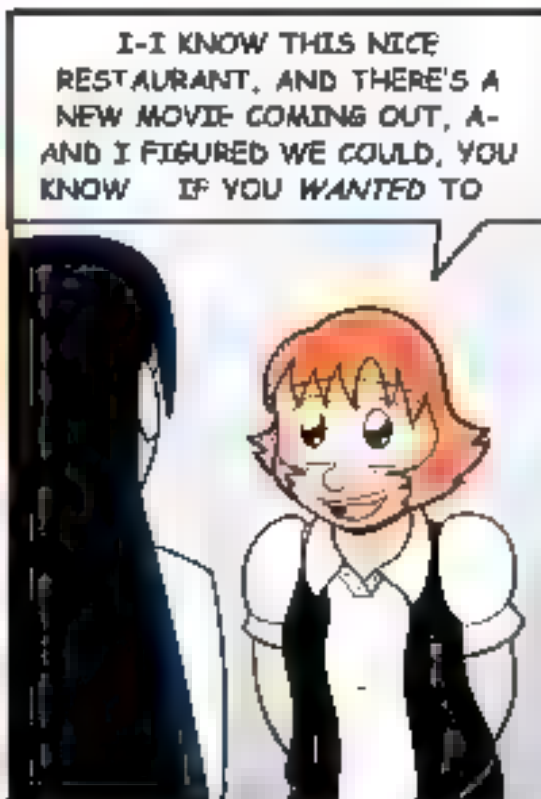
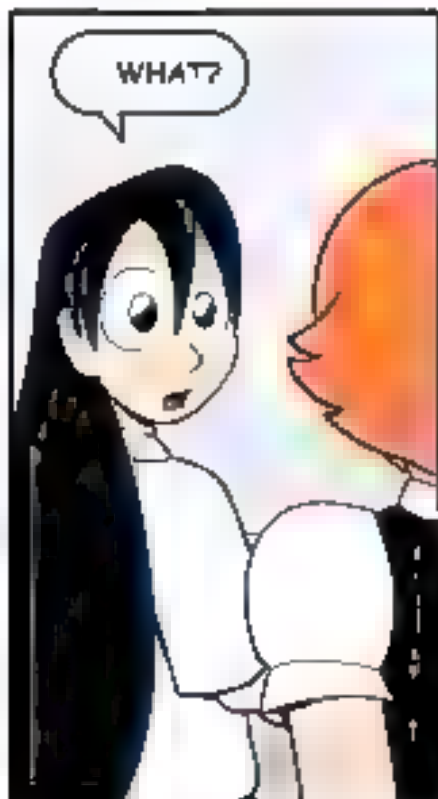
YES, THANK YOU AND I MEAN THAT, CATALINA FOR A MOMENT THERE, I WAS ON THE VERGE OF GIVING UP

AW IT WAS NOTHING!

ARE YOU DOING ANYTHING FRIDAY NIGHT?

SO, AH, SUSAN

YES, CATALINA?



A LITTLE EARLIER

GRACE? I'M--

TACKLE
GLOMP!

--HOME?

I DIDN'T THINK I'D STILL GET
SUCH GREETINGS WITH US
BOTH HAVING SCHOOL NOW

I DON'T SEE WHY
NOT ELLEN GETS ME
HOME EARLIER THAN
THE SCHOOL BUS.

HOW WAS YOUR
FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL?

IT WAS AN EMOTIONAL
ROLLERCOASTER OF SOCIAL
AWKWARDNESS, CONFUSION,
JOY, SORROW, REJECTION,
ACCEPTANCE HIDING,
RESTRAINT, EXUBERANCE
INTRIGUE QUIZZES, AND
HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENTS!

SO JH, MOSTLY GOOD?

I HOPE?

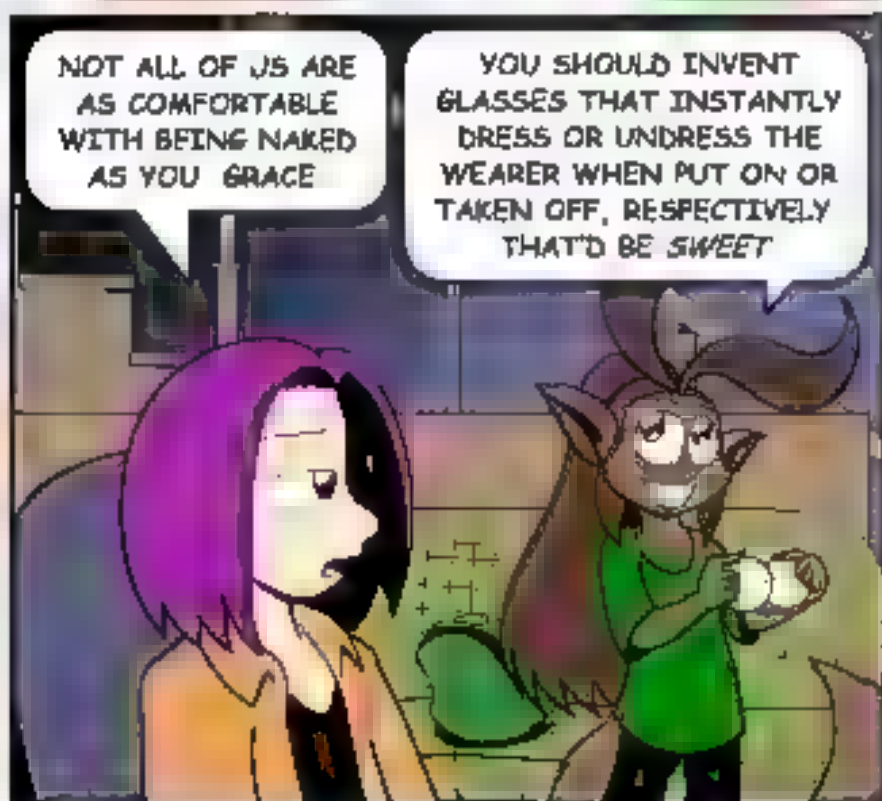
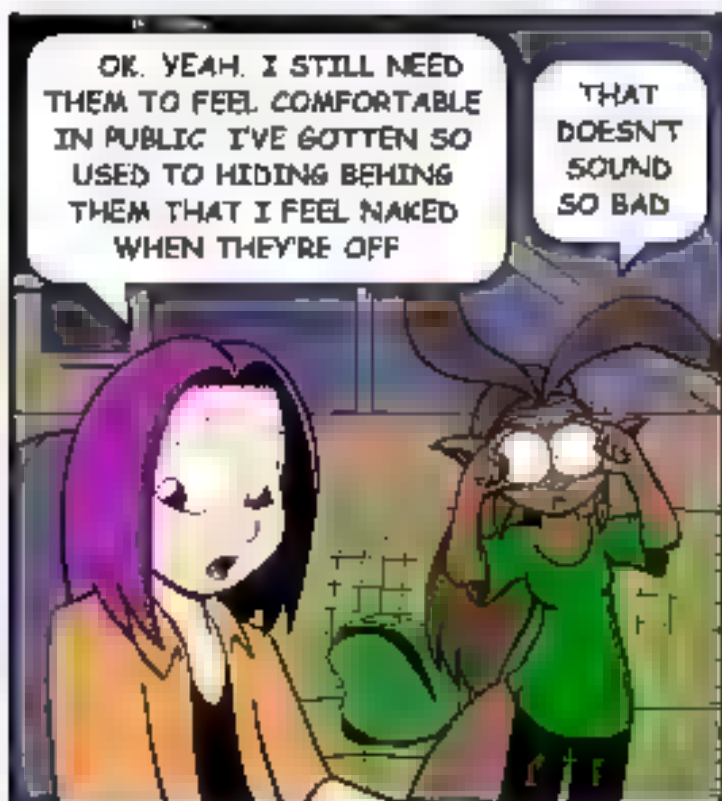
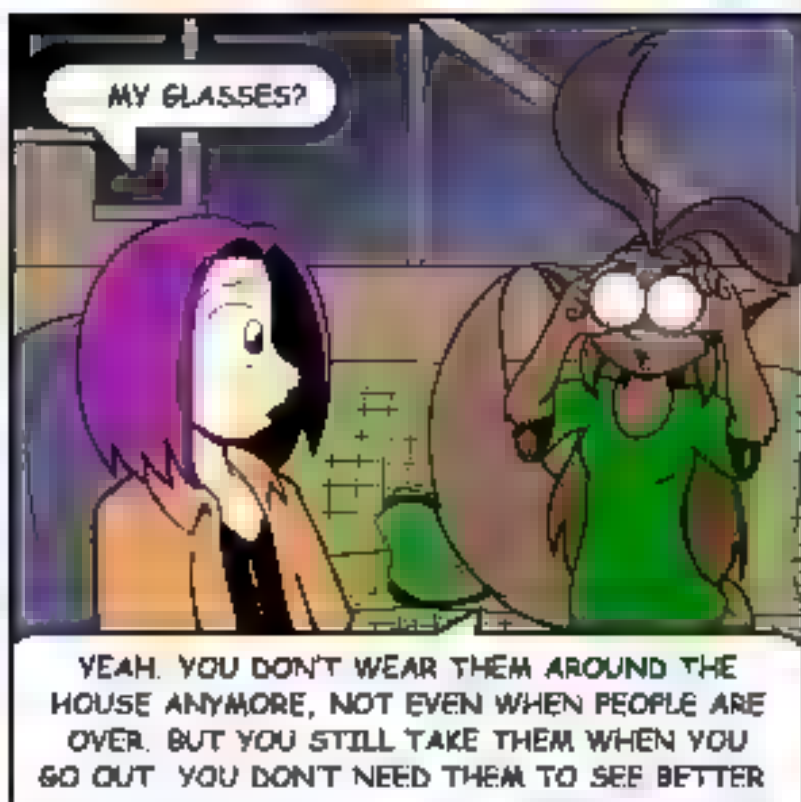
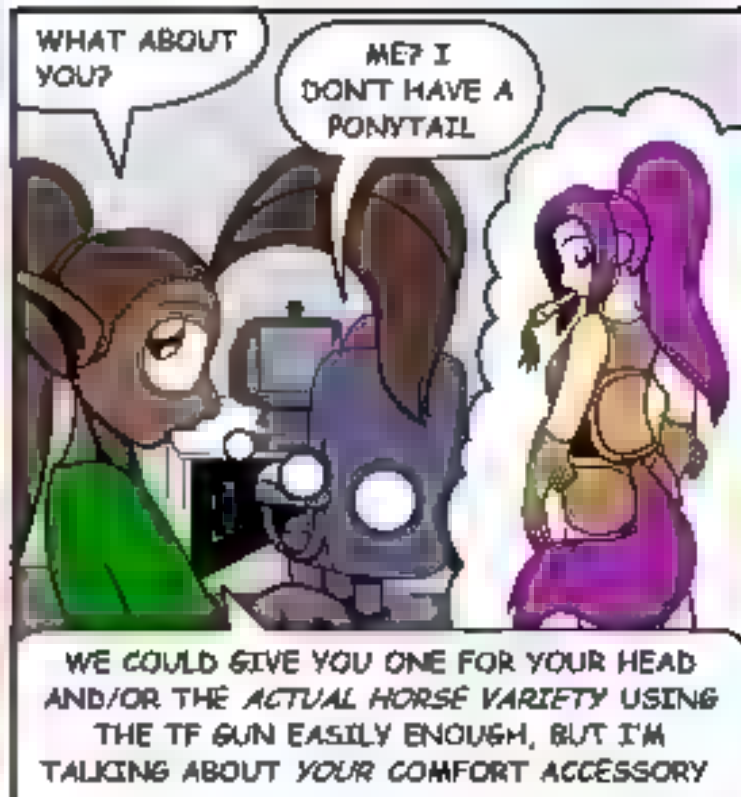
GOOD, BUT
RESTRICTING I
GOT HOME FEELING
LIKE I HAD TO GO
ON A WEIRDNESS
RAMPAGE

I IMMEDIATELY TOOK
OFF MY CLOTHES AND
SHAPE-SHIFTED A LOT
JUST TO FEEL THE
FREEDOM OF IT!

BUT YOU HAVE
CLOTHES ON NOW

BUT

OH, I GOT
MY FILL OF BEING
NAKED BEFORE YOU
GOT HOME



HEY
TEDD NICE
AVATAR

THANKS! YOU'LL BE PLEASED TO KNOW
THAT GRACE HAD A PRETTY GOOD FIRST
DAY OF SCHOOL. SHE DIDN'T GIVE ME
MANY SPECIFICS, BUT SHE SEEMS HAPPY

THAT'S GOOD!
I'VE BEEN MORE
WORRIED ABOUT
SUSAN, THOUGH

HOW IS SUSAN WORSE OFF? SHE'S GOING TO HAVE THE RULES CHANGED IN NO TIME AND EVERY THING WILL BE FINE!

SERIOUSLY?

YEAH,
SERIOUSLY!

I'LL SEE YOU TOMORROW

A MUSEUM IN BRITAIN SEVERAL HOURS BEFORE ELLEN'S CREATION

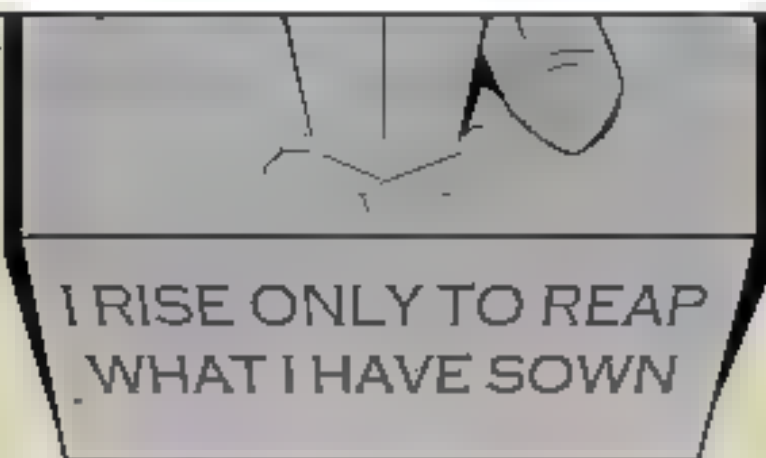
AND HERE WE HAVE AN ANONYMOUS CONTRIBUTION TO OUR MUSEUM. THIS PIECE HAS NO KNOWN CREATOR, AND YET THAT IS WHAT MAKES THIS SUCH A FASCINATING EXHIBIT!



THIS STATUE MYSTERIOUSLY APPEARED IN THE MIDDLE OF A FIELD ONE NIGHT MANY YEARS AGO. THERE WAS *BUT ONE* SET OF FOOTPRINTS LEADING UP TO IT, AND *NONE* LEADING AWAY.

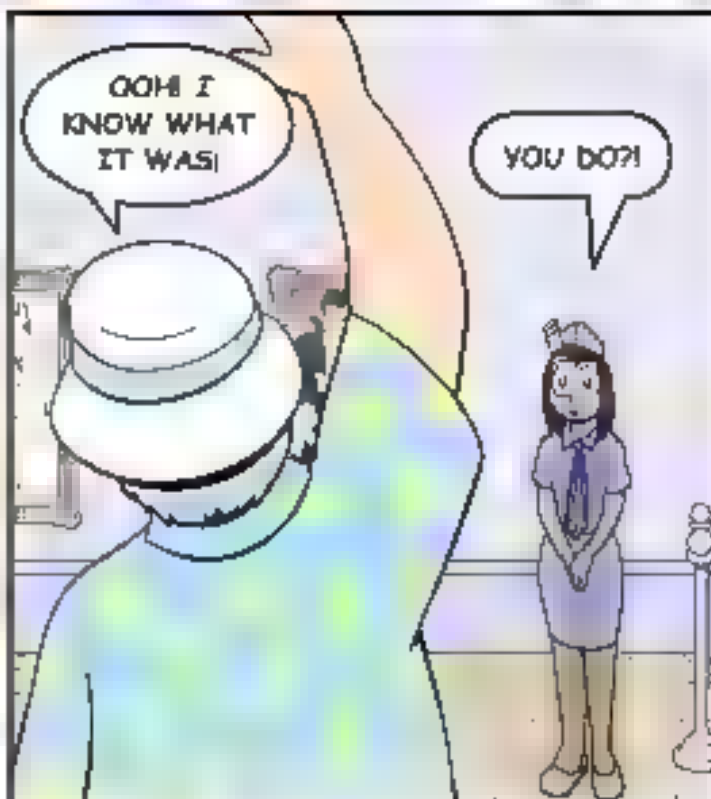


"THERE WERE NO SIGNS OF EQUIPMENT TO ASSIST IN ITS MOVING, AND THE DIRT AROUND IT WAS DISHEVELED IN SUCH A WAY SO AS TO SUGGEST THAT IT SIMPLY ROSE OUT OF THE GROUND WITH ITS CRYPTIC MESSAGE. THIS ANONYMOUS WORK OF ART IS RUMORED TO BE AN ARTISTIC STUNT, OR POSSIBLY EVEN AN ACT OF SORCERY."



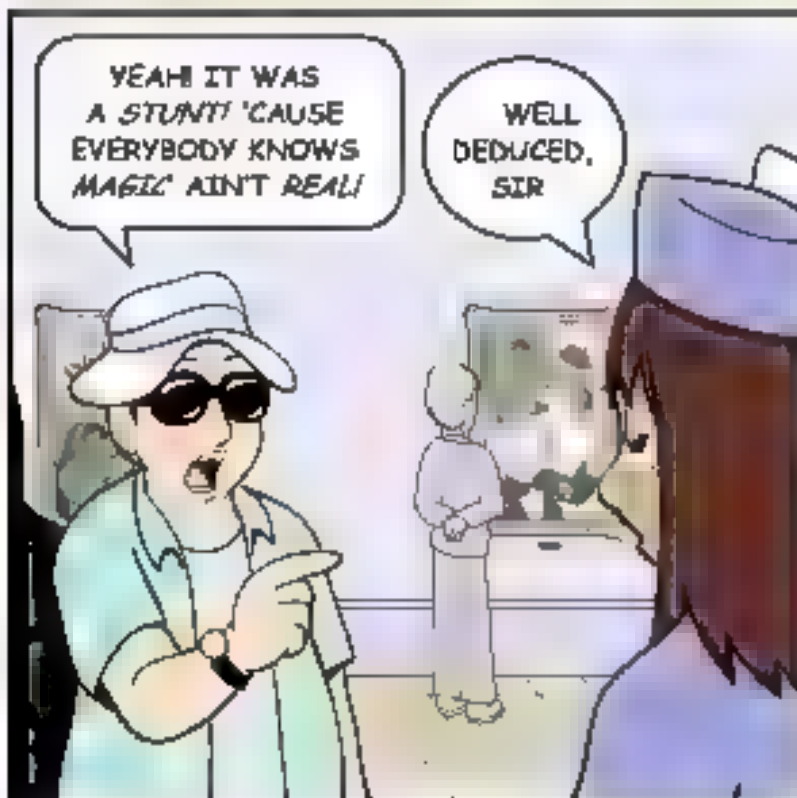
OOH I KNOW WHAT IT WAS!

YOU DO?!



YEAH! IT WAS A STUNT! 'CAUSE EVERYBODY KNOWS MAGIC AIN'T REAL!

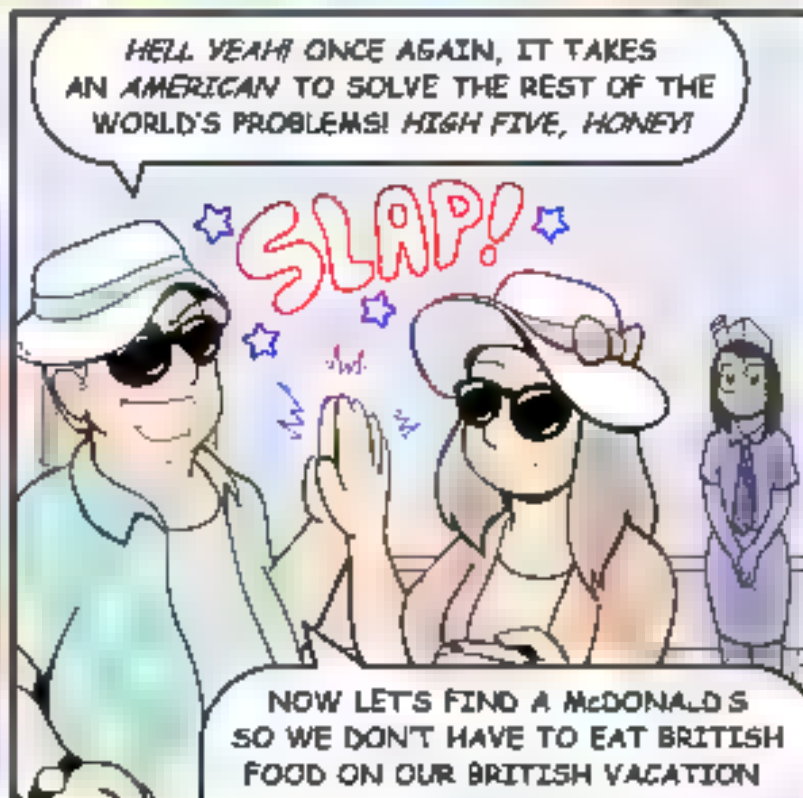
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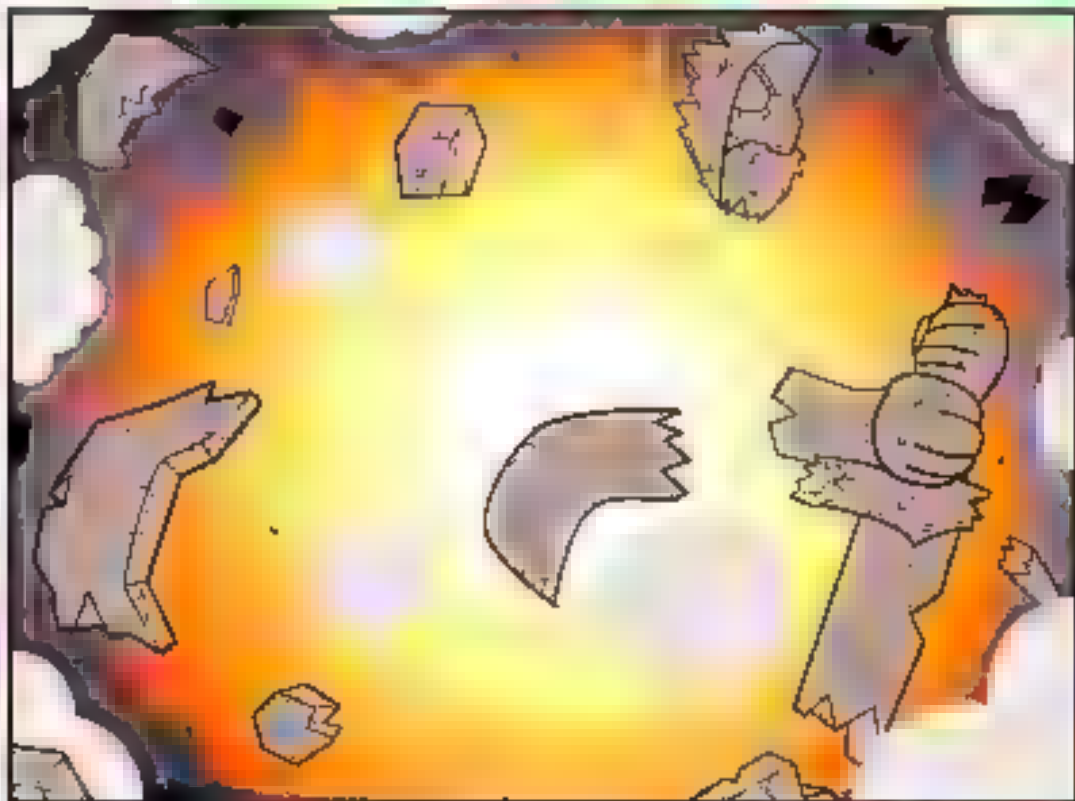
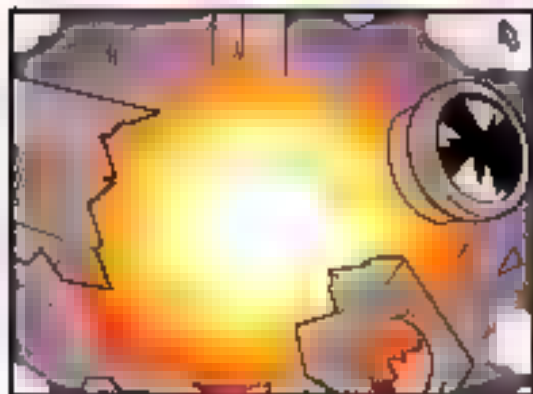
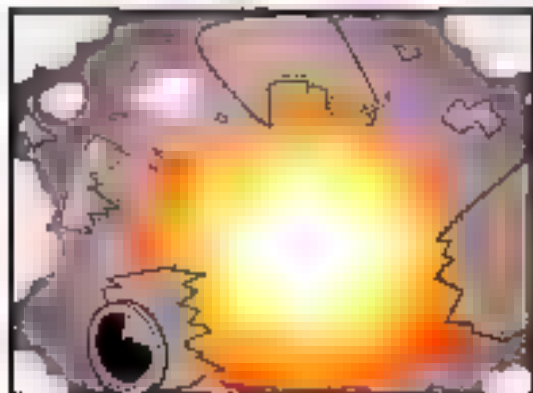
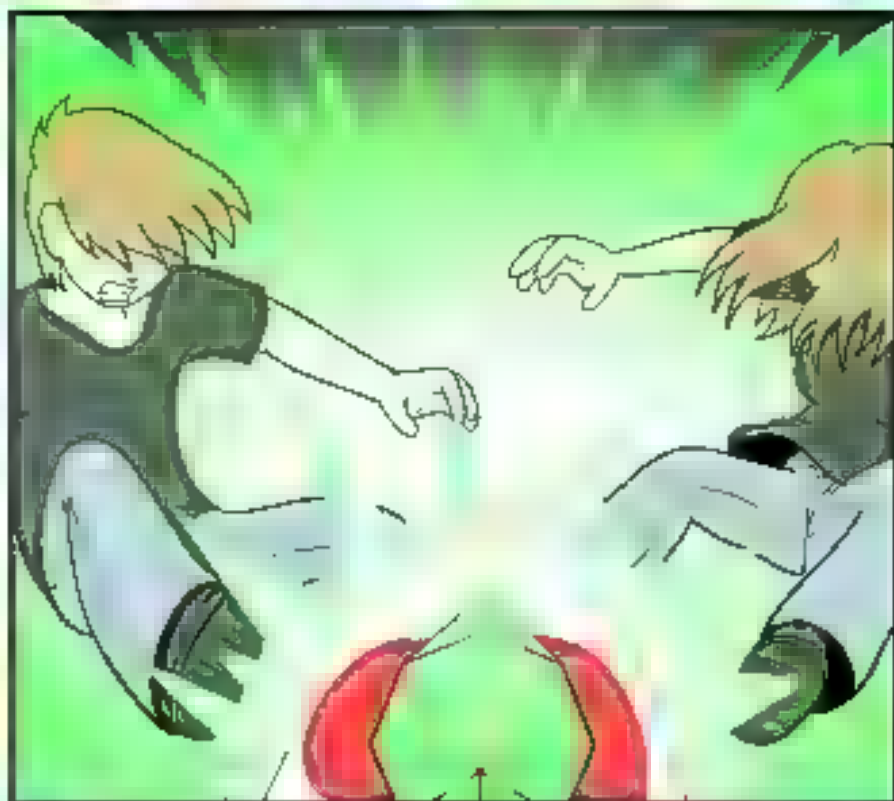
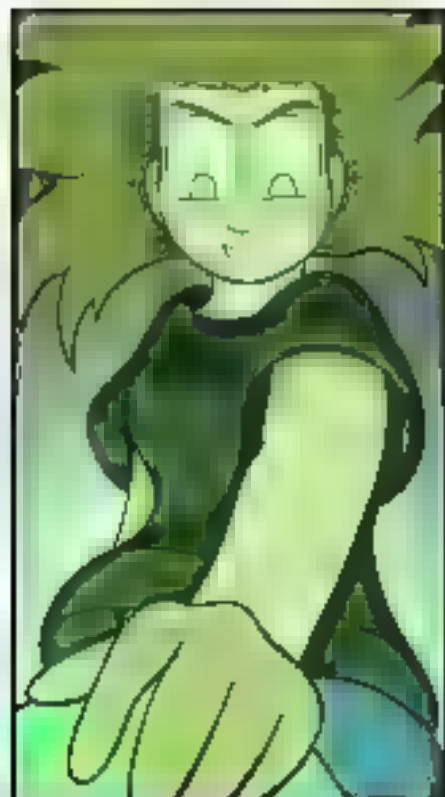
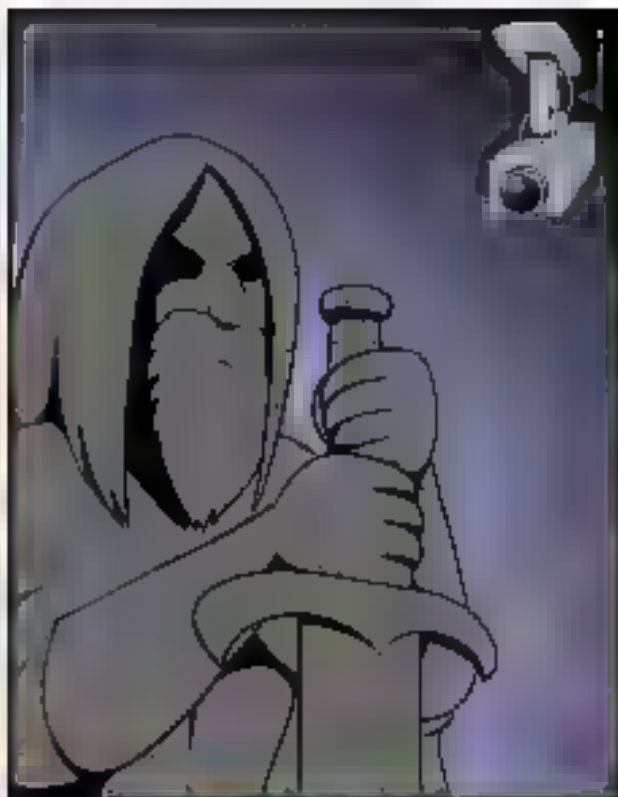
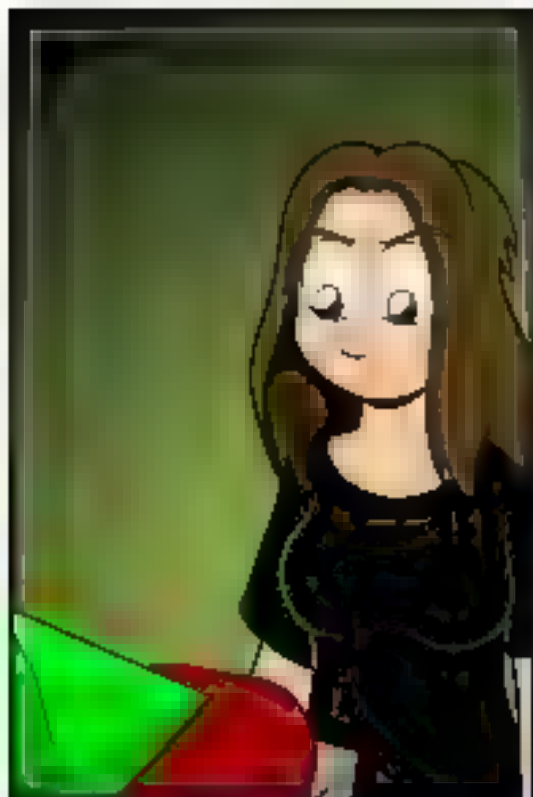


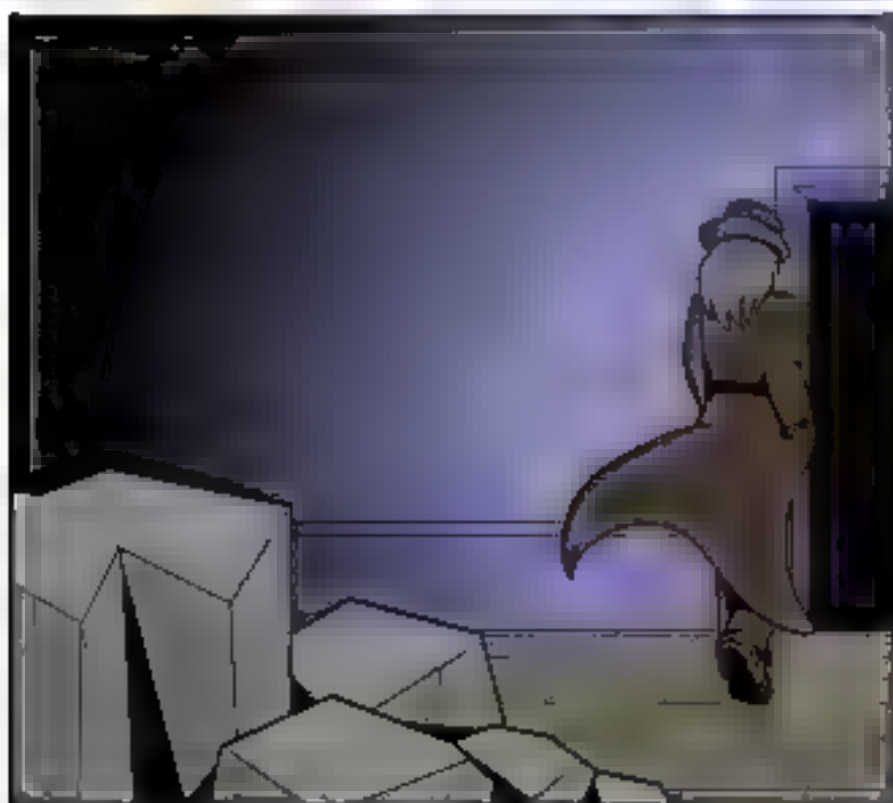
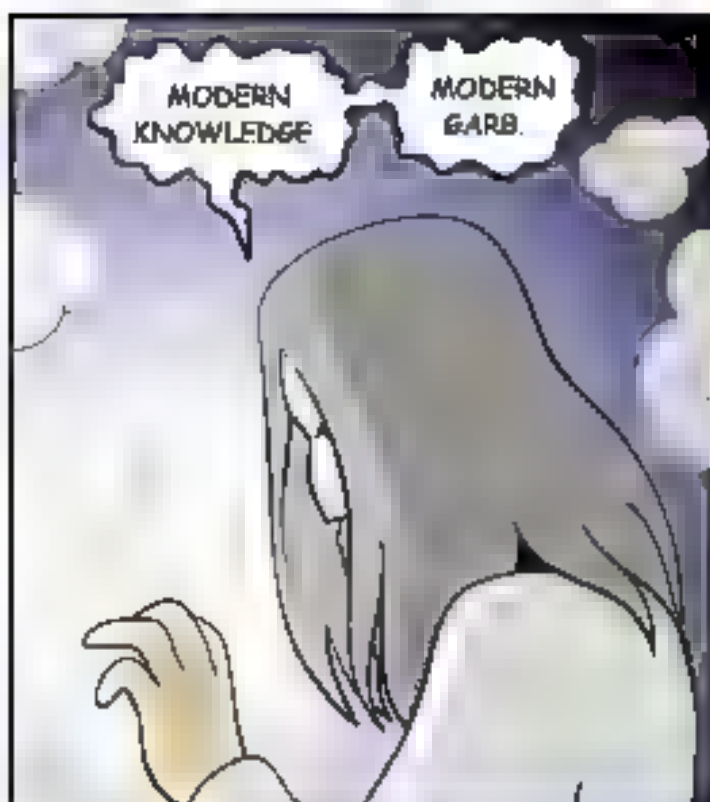
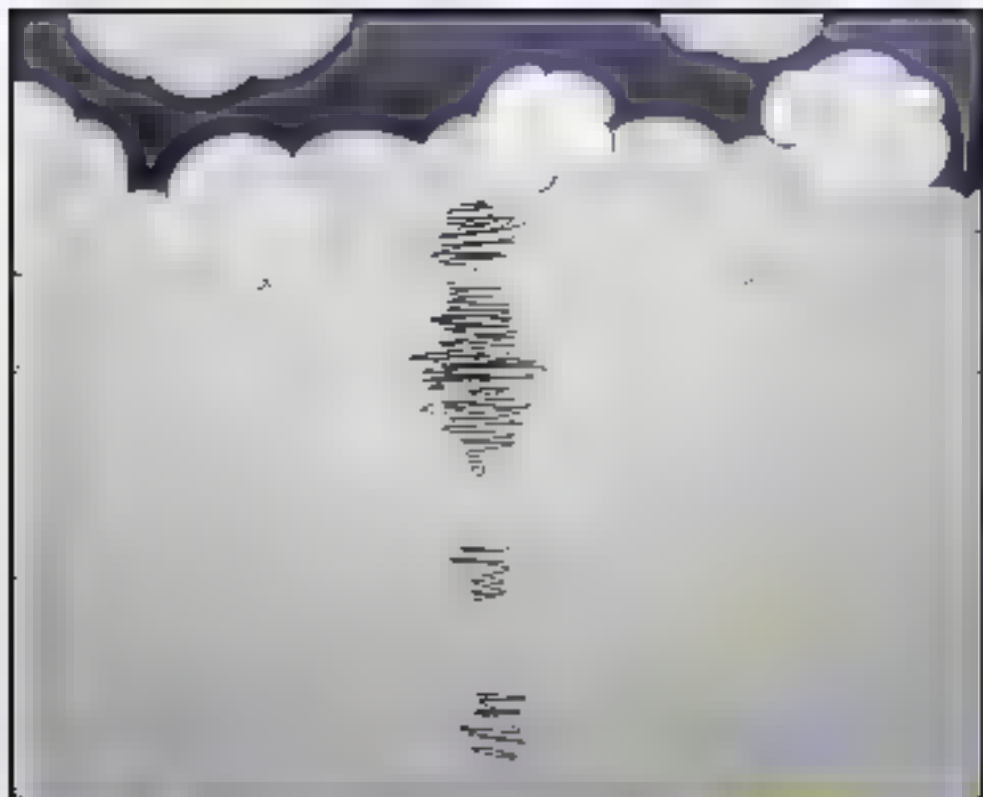
HELL YEAH! ONCE AGAIN, IT TAKES AN AMERICAN TO SOLVE THE REST OF THE WORLD'S PROBLEMS! HIGH FIVE, HONEY!

SLAP!

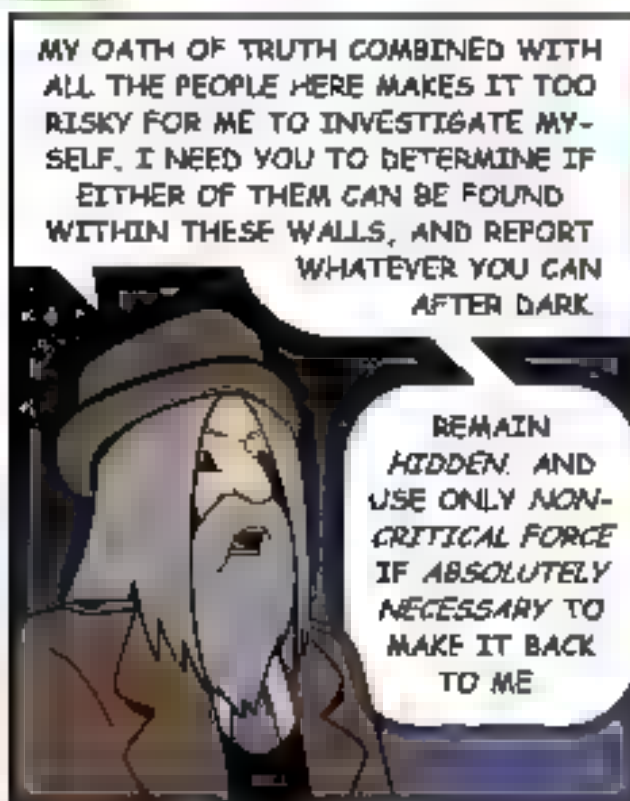
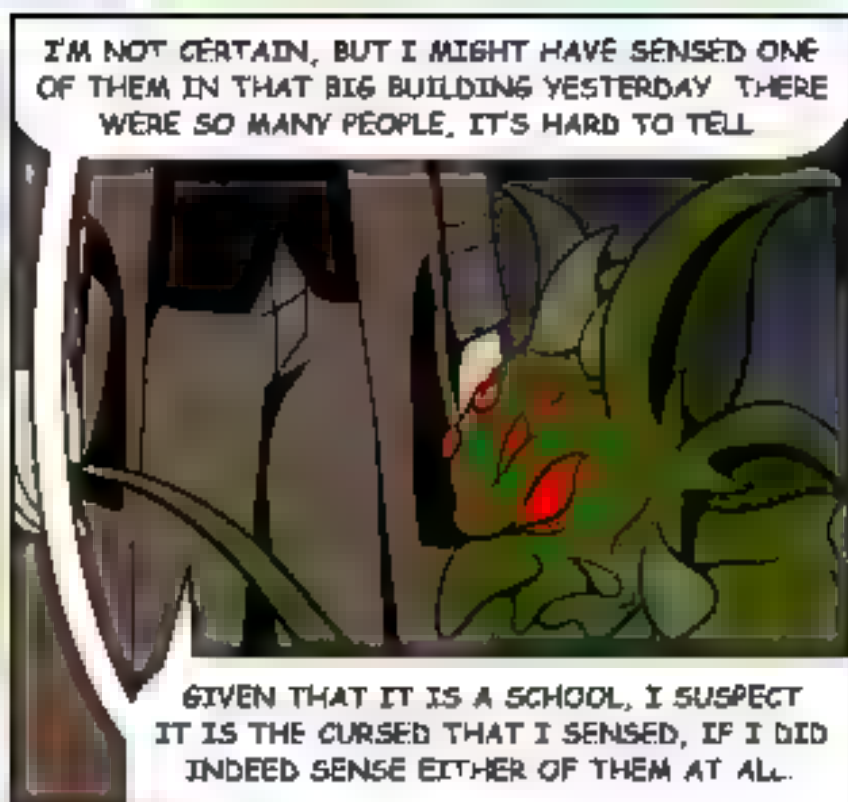
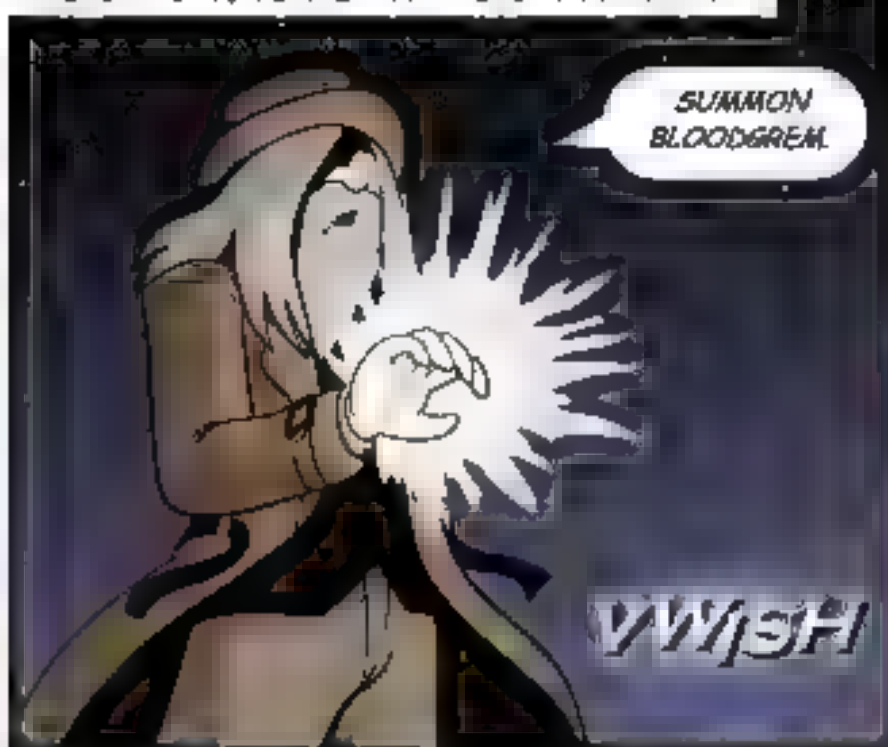
NOW LET'S FIND A McDONALD'S SO WE DON'T HAVE TO EAT BRITISH FOOD ON OUR BRITISH VACATION

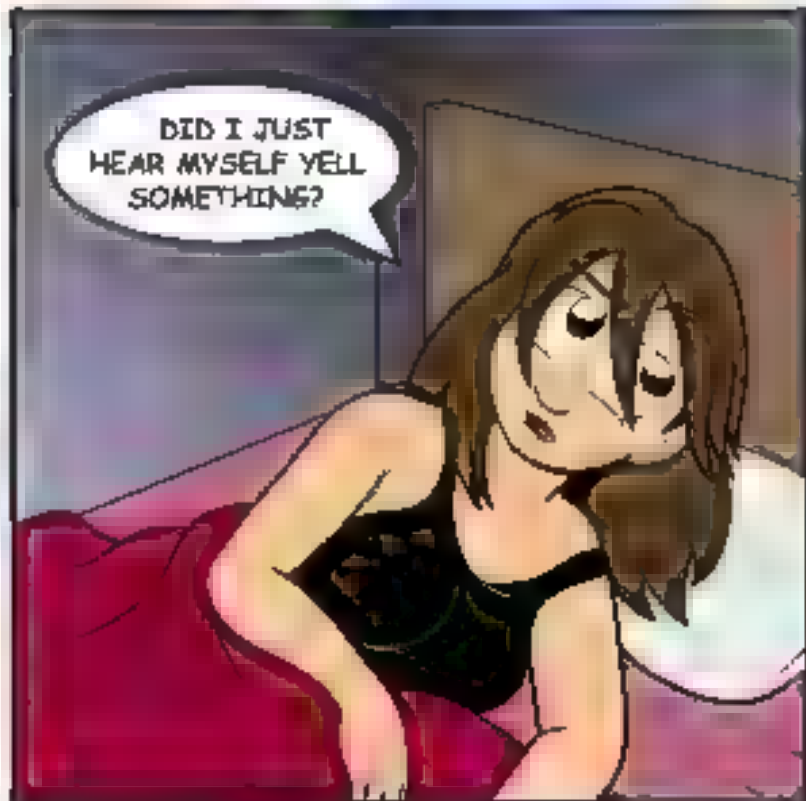
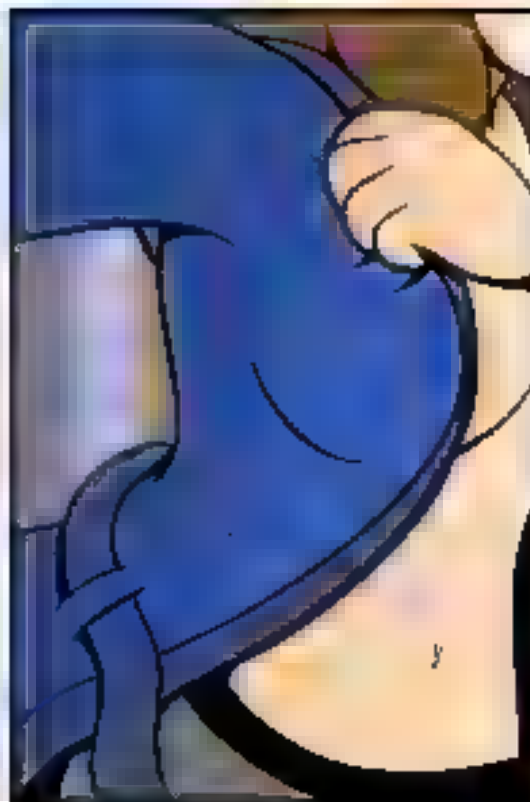
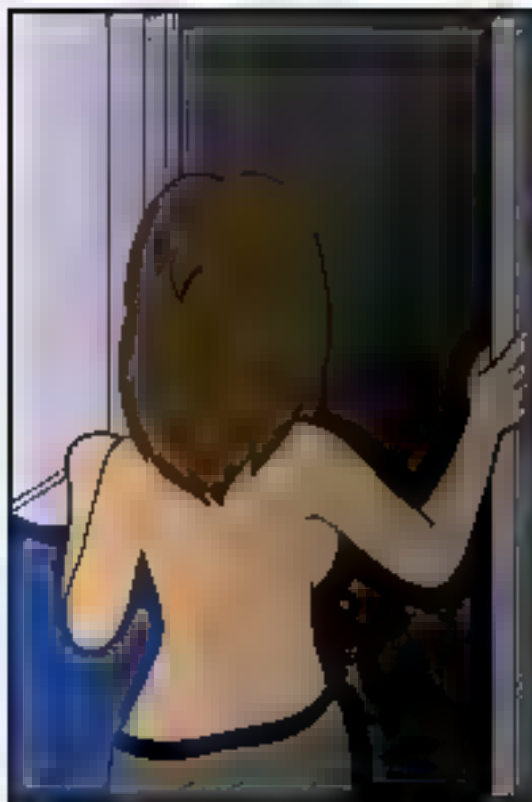






PRESENT DAY, VERY EARLY TUESDAY MORNING





ONE MAD DASH TO THE BATHROOM LATER

OK, CALM DOWN, ELLIOT ... YOU MUST'VE SHAPE SHIFTED IN YOUR SLEEP THAT HAPPENS, RIGHT? GRACE PROBABLY WAKES UP AS ALL SORTS OF CRAZY THINGS!

MORNING, TEDDI!

COME ON. SHIFT BACK

ELLIOT? ARE YOU A GIRL IN THERE? I COULD'VE SWORN I HEARD MYSELF YELL.

ELLIOT?

YES!

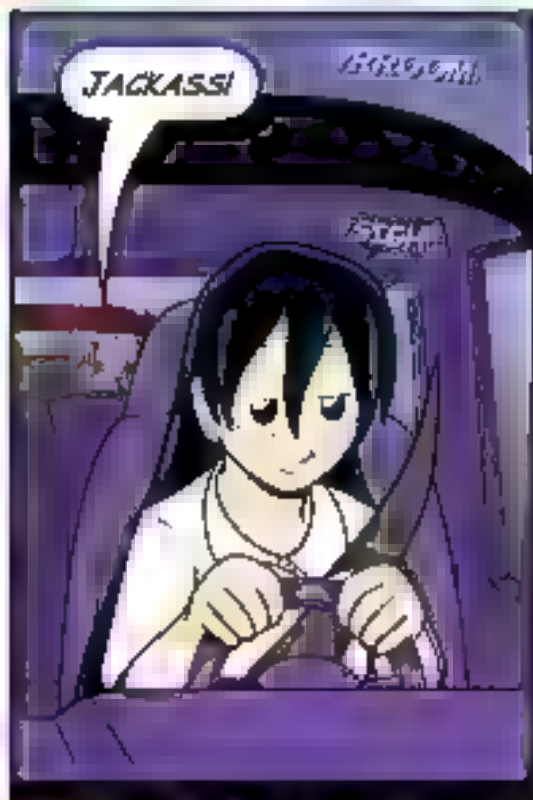
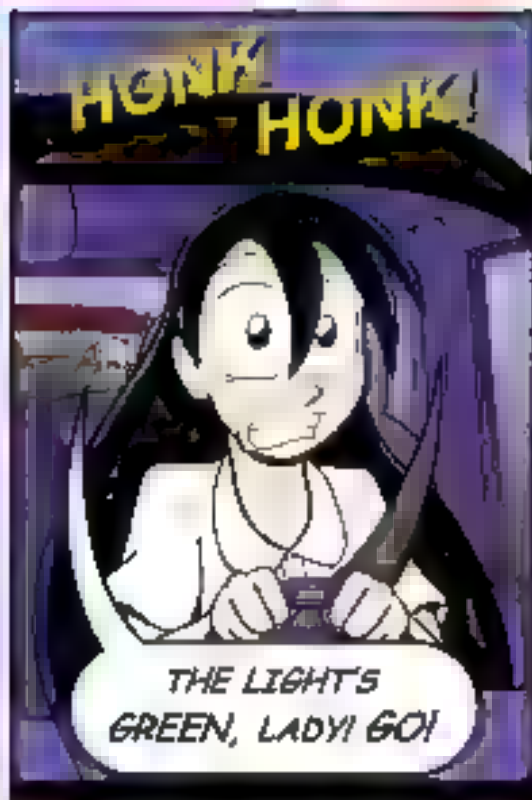
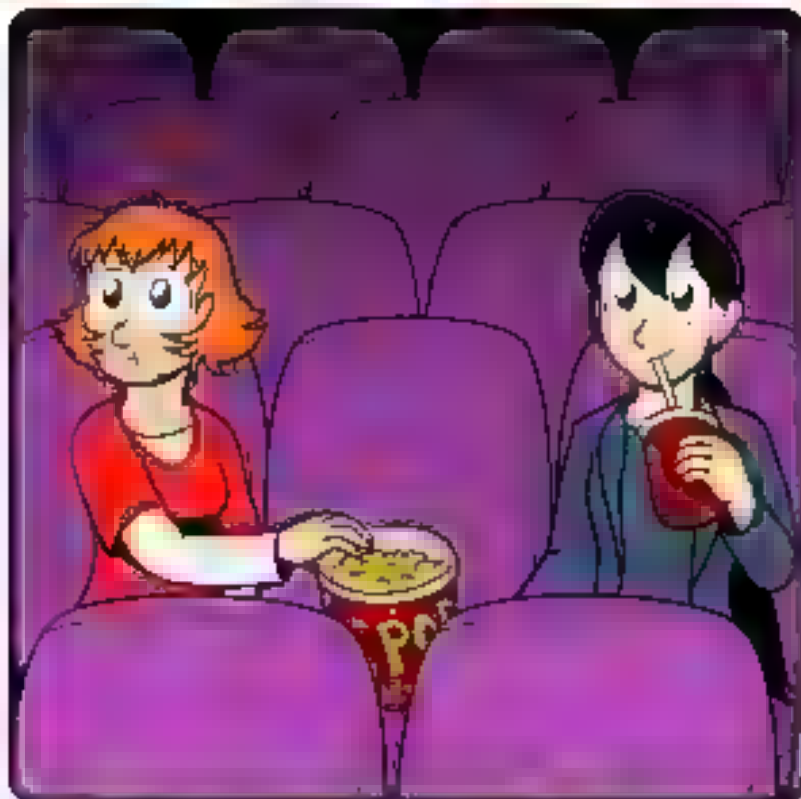
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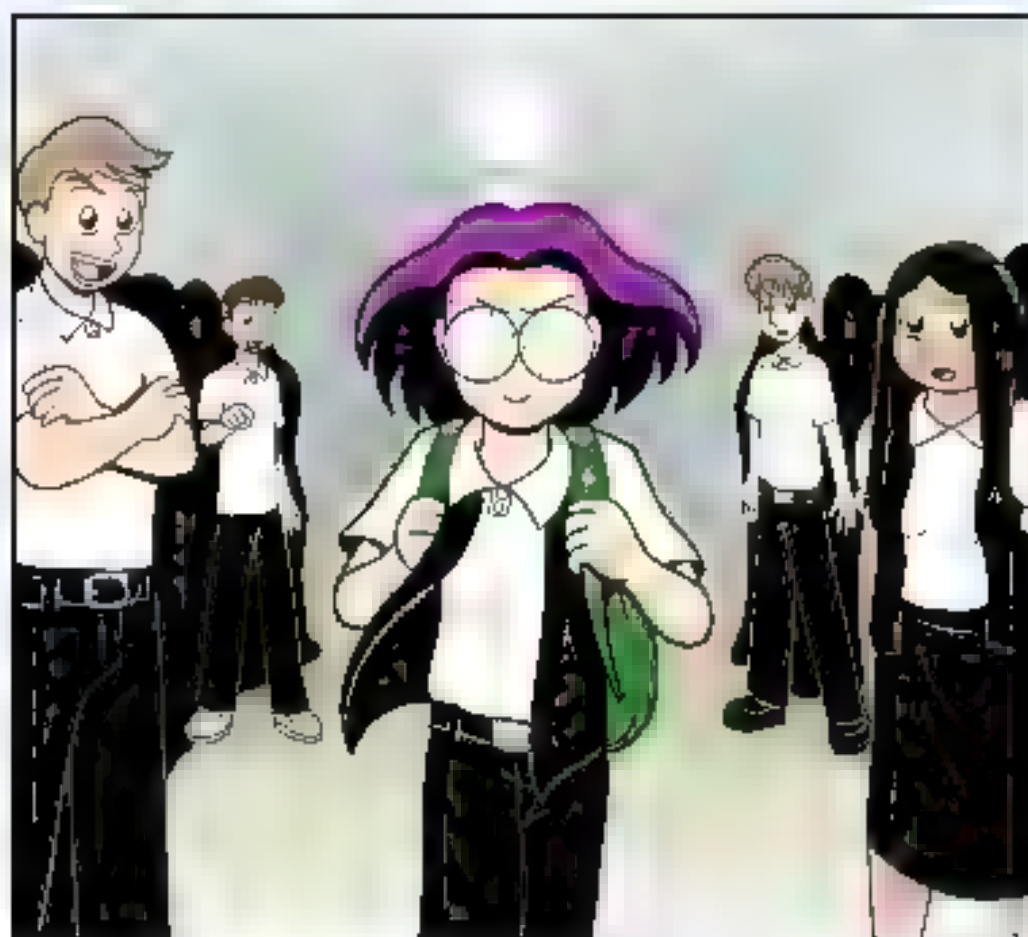
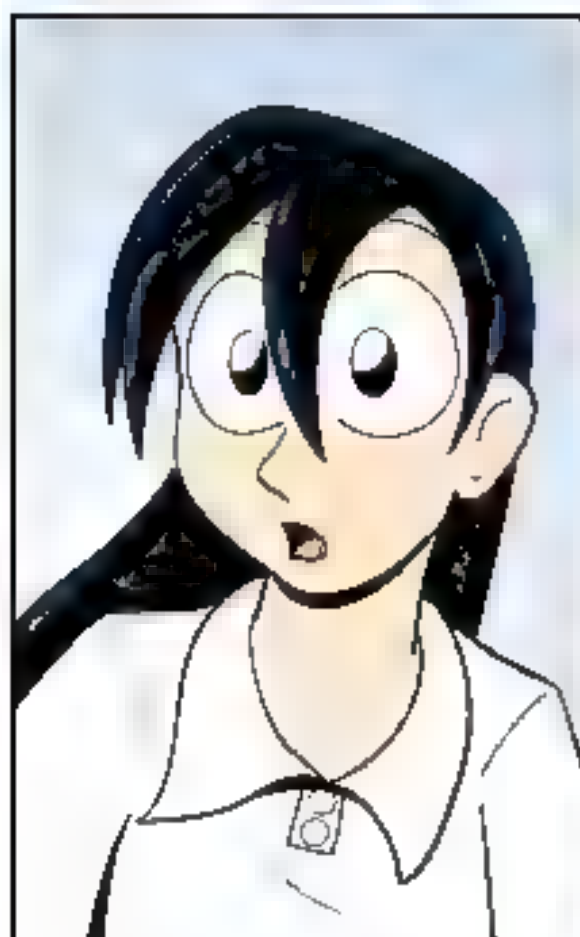
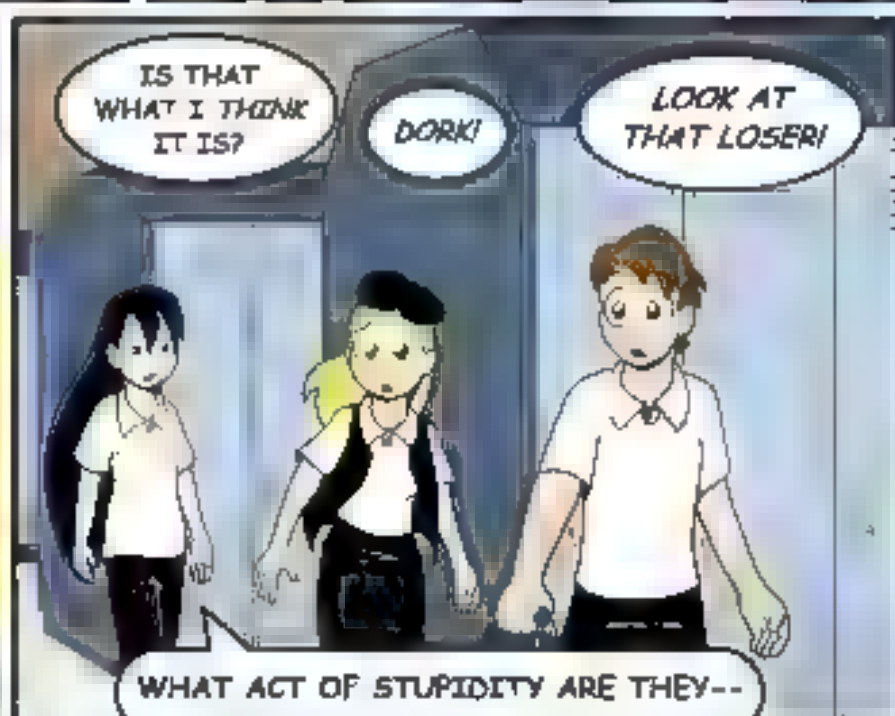
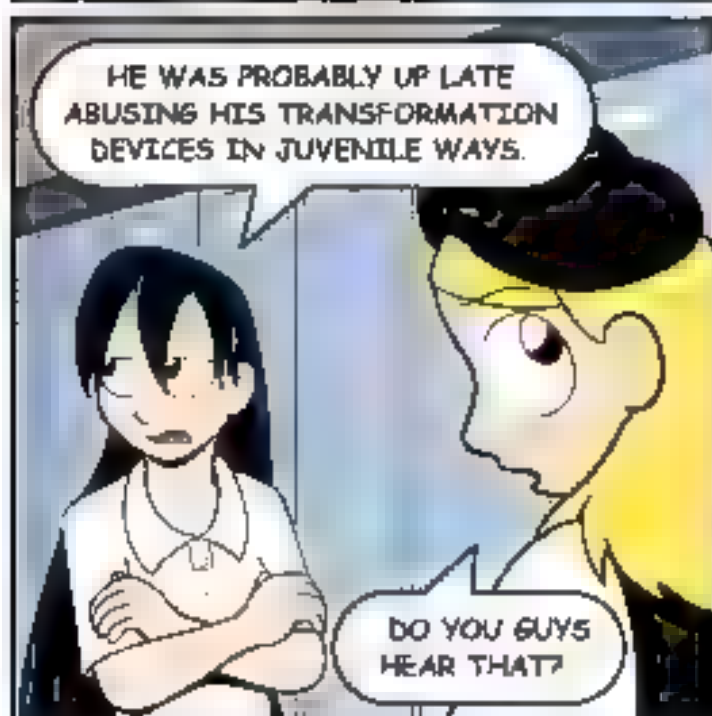
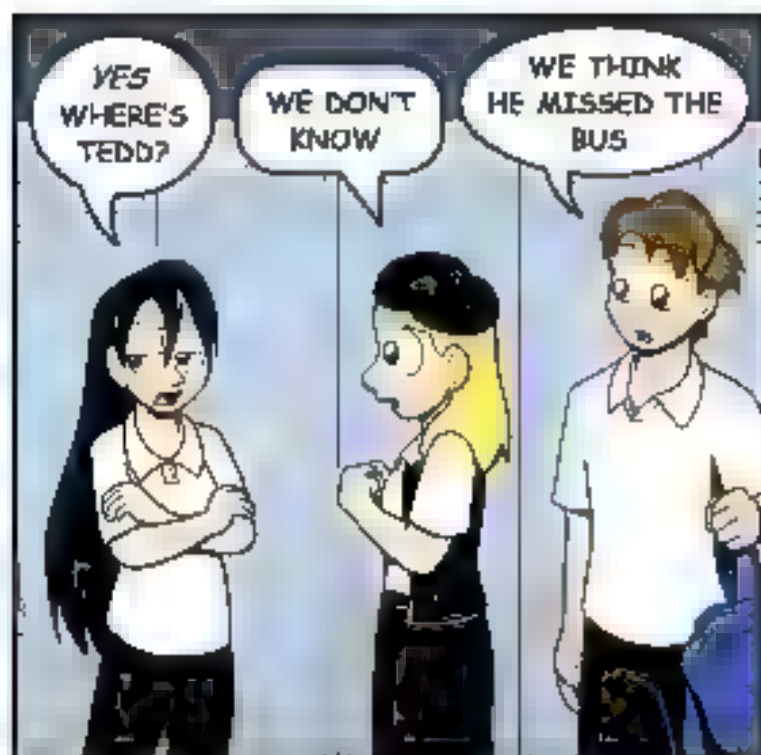
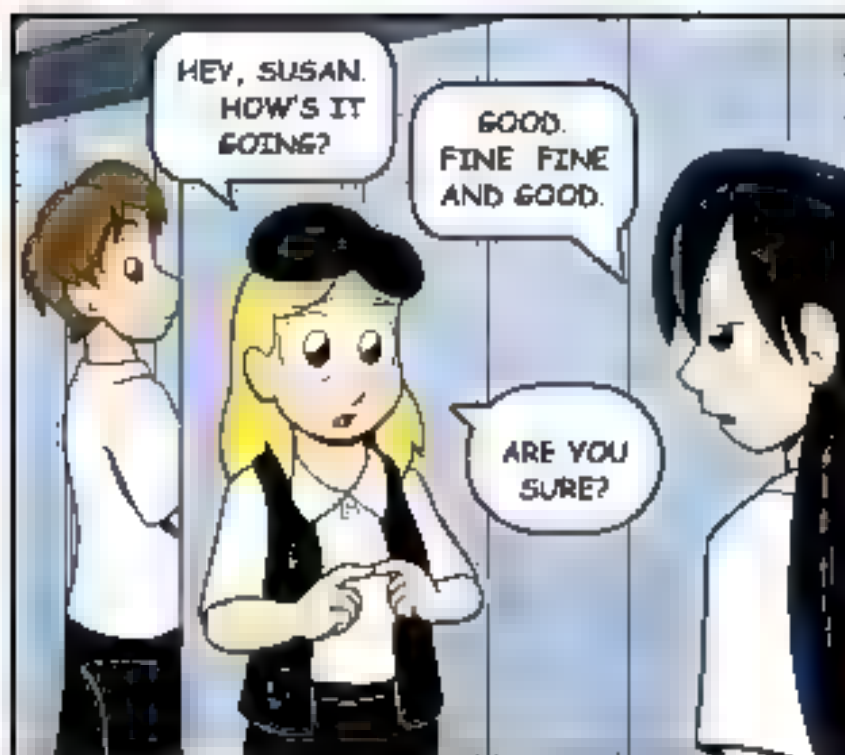
ELLEN, PLEASE A LITTLE PRIVACY! BATHROOM TIME IS ME TIME!

I DONT EVEN WANNA KNOW

WHAT? NO. WAIT! INTERPRET THAT IN A GOOD WAY!

A GOOD WAY!







HEY, DORK! ONLY THE GIRLS ARE SUPPOSED TO WEAR VESTS!

LOOK AT HIS HAIR! HE PROBABLY GOT CONFUSED!



IT'S ON.



ZA?



I'M WEARING THIS IN PROTEST OF THIS SCHOOL'S SEXIST UNIFORM POLICIES FORCING THE GIRLS TO WEAR VESTS WHEN THE MEN DON'T HAVE TO IS EVEN MORE RIDICULOUS THAN THE SKIRTS



THIS GUY'S AS WACKED OUT AS THAT ONE CRAZY CHICK.

WHO GIVES A CRAP?

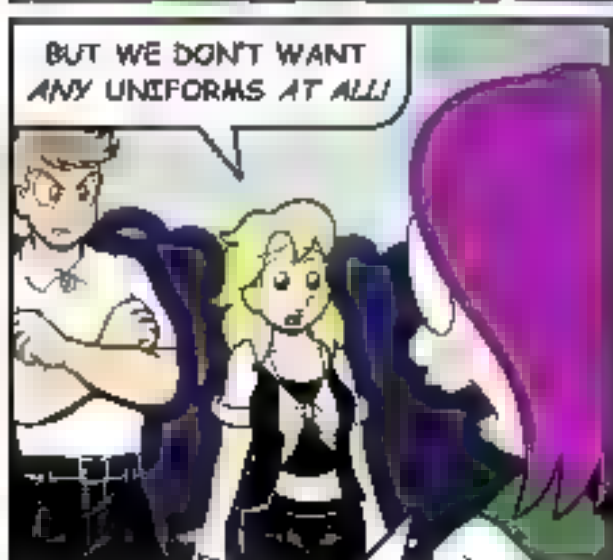
HER NAME IS SUSAN.

I DO! AND SO SHOULD YOU!



A LOT OF YOU HAVE BEEN MAKING FUN OF HER, AND FOR WHAT?

ATTEMPTING TO INFLUENCE CHANGE, MAKE THINGS MORE FAIR AND GIVE YOU MORE OPTIONS? THAT'S WHAT YOU'RE KNOCKING HER FOR!



BUT WE DON'T WANT ANY UNIFORMS AT ALL!

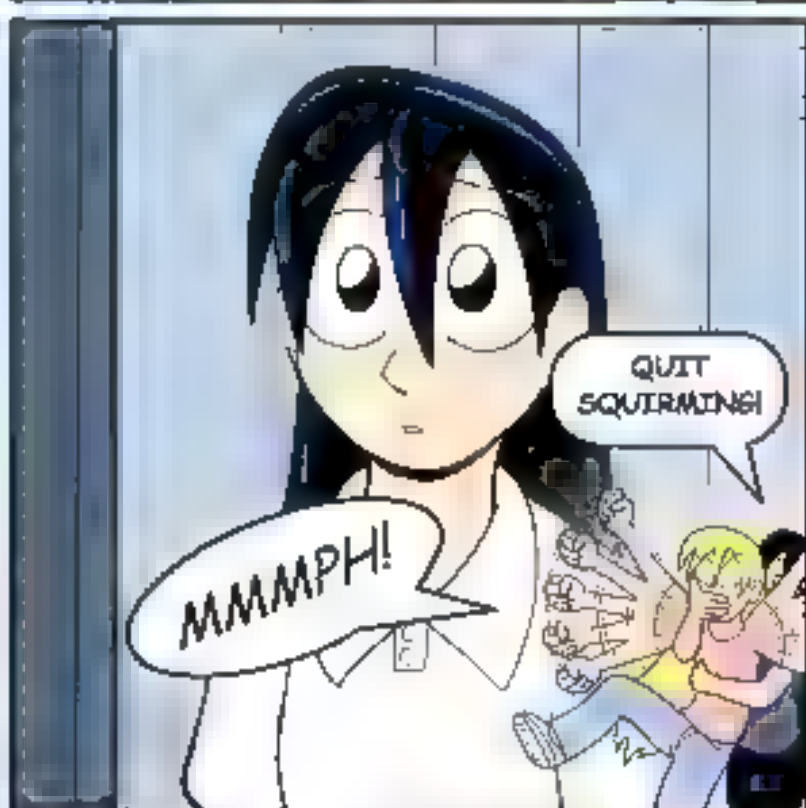
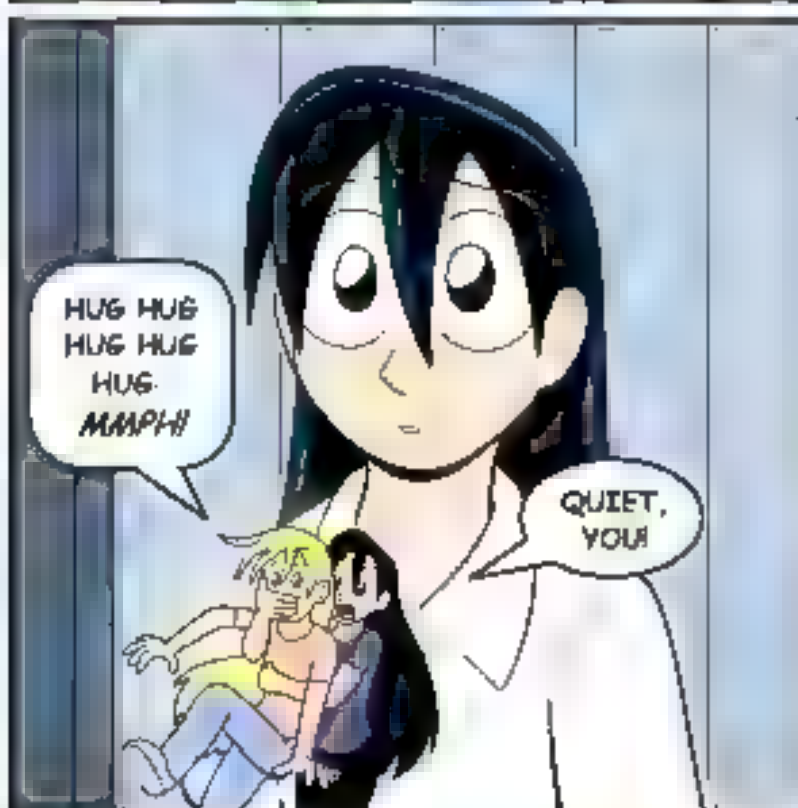
SO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT! THAT DOESN'T JUSTIFY MAKING FUN OF THE ONE PERSON TRYING TO BRING ABOUT CHANGE! AT THE VERY LEAST WHAT SHE'S TRYING TO ACCOMPLISH IS A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION!

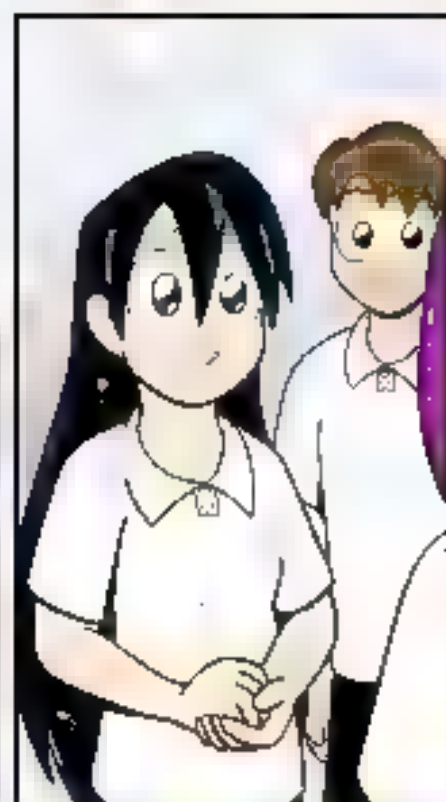


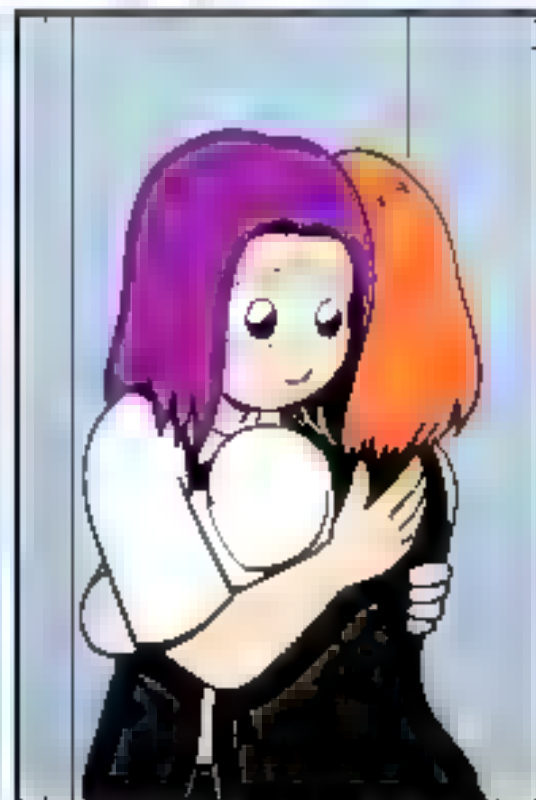
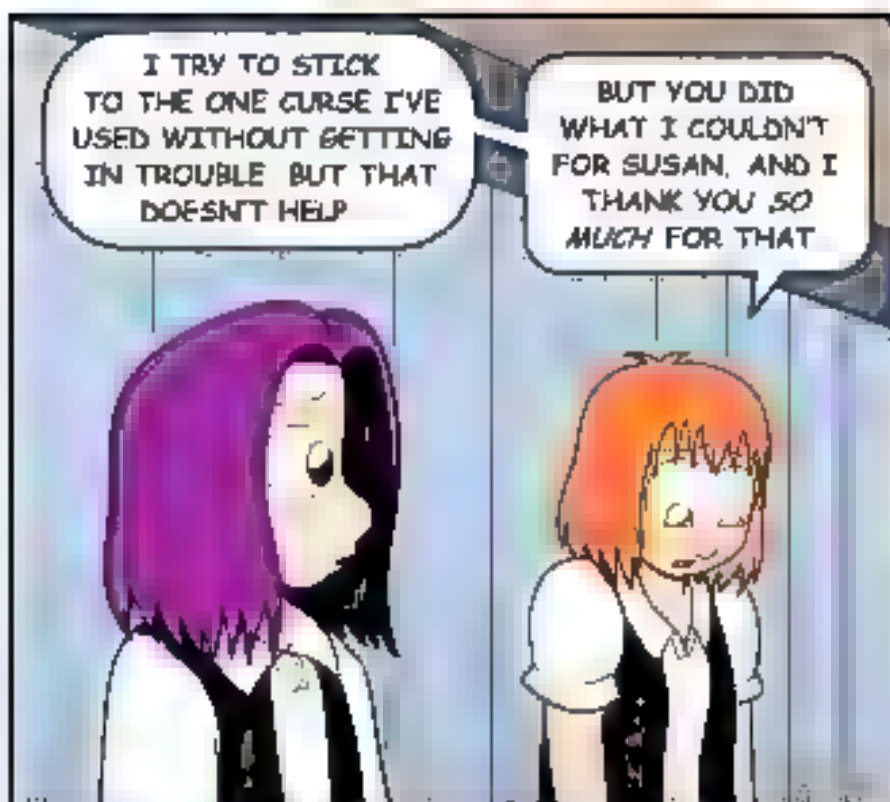
IF YOU'RE NOT GOING TO HELP HER, JUST STAY OUT OF HER WAY



AND LEAVE HER ALONE!







DO WE REALLY HAVE TO BE IN A RESTROOM FOR YOU TO TELL ME ABOUT YOUR NEW SPELLS? I'VE LONG SINCE ABANDONED THE NOTION THAT LADIES ROOMS ARE CLEAN, WONDERFUL PLACES.

I ACTUALLY WANT TO SHOW THEM TO YOU, SO YES

JUST LET ME MAKE SURE WE'RE ALONE WAIT

WHAT IS IT?

MY VISIBILITY SPELL'S TELLING ME THERE'S SOMEONE OTHER THAN YOU LOOKING AT ME

HELLO? IS ANYBODY IN HERE?

THEY'RE GONE WHOEVER THEY WERE, IT FELT LIKE THEY WERE LOOKING FROM ABOVE

WHAT LIKE THERE WAS A PERVERT IN THE VENTILATION SHAFTS? THERE'S NO WAY ANYBODY'S FITTING IN THERE

IT COULD'VE BEEN A MOUSE THE SPELL DOESN'T IGNORE MUCH.

AIN'T THAT A LOVELY THOUGHT

WHATEVER IT WAS LET'S MAKE THIS QUICK.

AWESOME SHOW ME WHAT YOU'VE GOT



YOU CAN MORPH YOUR CLOTHES? OR IS THAT AN ILLUSION? HOLD STILL! I NEED TO TUG STRONGLY AT YOUR CLOTHES.



NO, IT'S REAL! IT'S A CLOTHING EXCHANGE SPELL! I CAN TRADE SOMETHING I'M WEARING FOR SOMETHING ELSE IF I KNOW EXACTLY WHERE THE CLOTHES I WANT ARE!

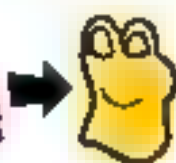


THERE ARE LIMITS TO WHAT COUNTS AS CLOTHING, HAVING STUFF IN MY POCKETS CAN MESS IT UP, AND THERE'S SOME WIND, BUT THAT'S PRETTY MUCH ALL THERE IS TO IT

FOCUS



SWEATER
HAIRBAND,
LONG SKIRT!



EXCHANGE!



TANK TOP
JACKET,
SHORT SKIRT!

WHAT IF SOMEONE ELSE IS WEARING THE CLOTHES?

E-EXCUSE ME?



YOU KNOW EXACTLY WHERE MY SHIRT IS. RIGHT? COULD YOU EXCHANGE YOUR HAIRBAND FOR MY SHIRT?

UH, Y-YEAH, TECHNICALLY, BUT YOUR MAGIC RESISTANCE EXTENDS TO ANYTHING YOU'RE WEARING SO I'D HAVE TO USE MORE POWER, OR . Y-YOU'D HAVE TO LET ME



I RESIST
MAGIC?

EVERYONE HAS SOME MAGIC RESISTANCE. MOST PEOPLE HAVE ALMOST NONE, BUT OUR MARTIAL ARTS STYLE AND MAGIC ABILITIES MAKE US MUCH MORE RESISTANT



SO . YOU COULD EASILY DO UNEVEN CLOTHING SWAPS WITH MOST PEOPLE!

I DO HAVE ANOTHER NEW SPELL, YOU KNOW

OK, OK LET ME SEE IT



I HAVE A PRINT OUT OF IT HERE

A PRINT OUT?



I USED THE TIMER ON MY CAMERA TO TAKE A PICTURE OF THE RESULTS. I'M NOT READY TO ACTUALLY RISK CASTING IT IN PUBLIC YET



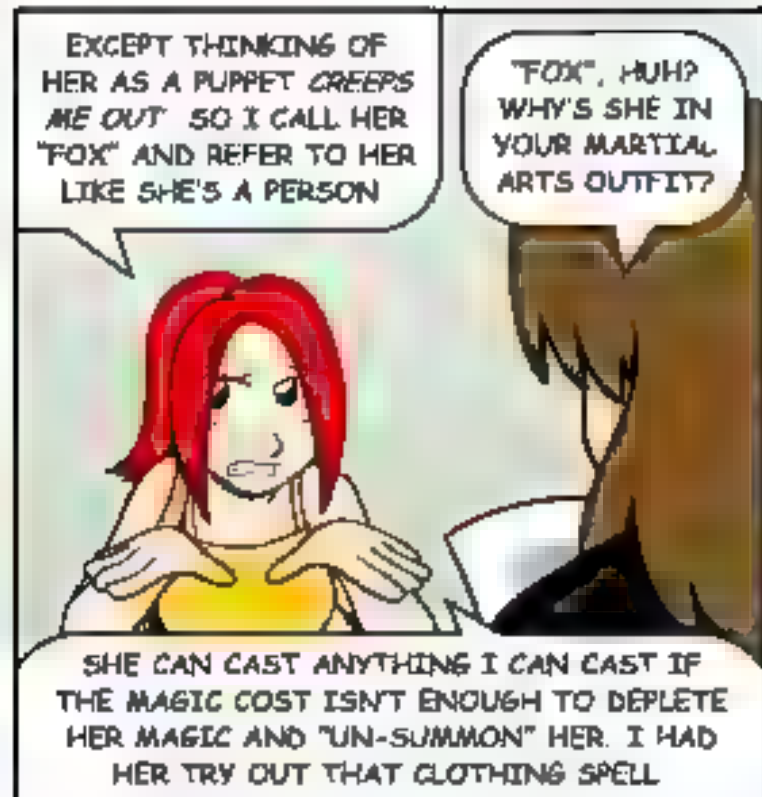
WHY, WHAT SORT OF SPELL-- WHOA!





YOU HAVE
A CLONE
SPELL?

MY SPELL BOOK REFERS TO
HER AS A "DECOY" SUMMON.
SHE'S SORT OF LIKE A SEMI-
AUTONOMOUS PUPPET THAT
LOOKS EXACTLY LIKE ME



EXCEPT THINKING OF
HER AS A PUPPET CREEPS
ME OUT SO I CALL HER
"FOX" AND REFER TO HER
LIKE SHE'S A PERSON

"FOX", HUH?
WHY'S SHE IN
YOUR MARTIAL
ARTS OUTFIT?

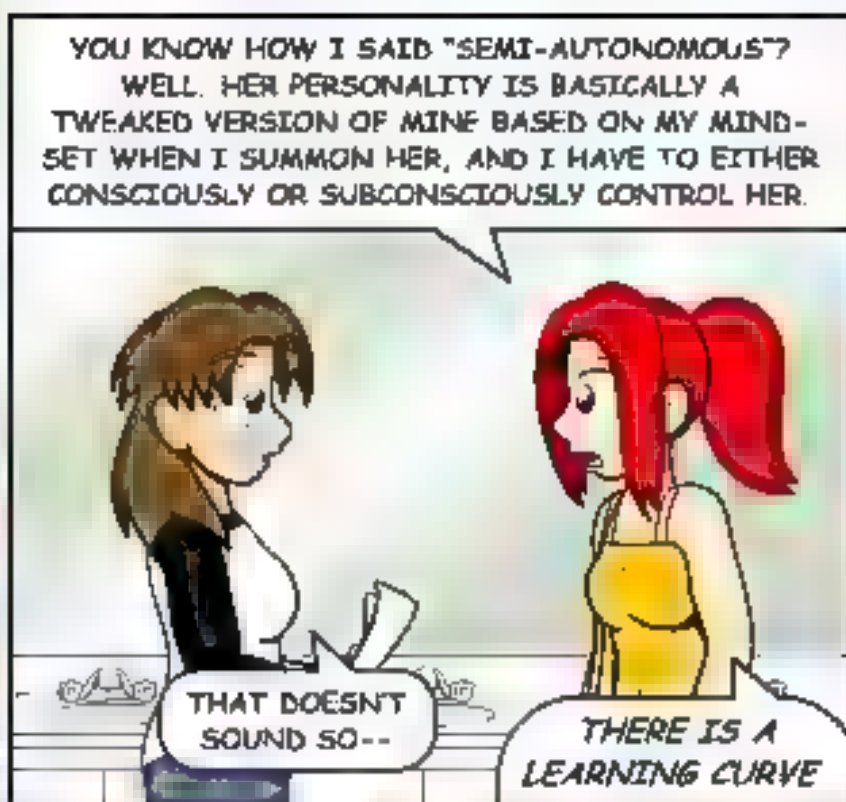
SHE CAN CAST ANYTHING I CAN CAST IF
THE MAGIC COST ISN'T ENOUGH TO DEplete
HER MAGIC AND "UN-SUMMON" HER. I HAD
HER TRY OUT THAT CLOTHING SPELL



NO WONDER YOU DIDN'T WANT TO
CAST THE SPELL IT WOULD BE HARD
TO EXPLAIN WHY THERE'S ANOTHER
YOU IF SOMEONE WALKED IN.

THAT POTENTIALLY WOULDN'T
BE THE WORST OF IT

ZA?



YOU KNOW HOW I SAID "SEMI-AUTONOMOUS"?
WELL, HER PERSONALITY IS BASICALLY A
TWEAKED VERSION OF MINE BASED ON MY MIND-
SET WHEN I SUMMON HER, AND I HAVE TO EITHER
CONSCIOUSLY OR SUBCONSCIOUSLY CONTROL HER.

THAT DOESN'T
SOUND SO--

THERE IS A
LEARNING CURVE



LAST NIGHT

FOX!

I HOPE THIS TEST
RUN GOES OK.

<WHAT?>



I WASN'T SUPPOSED
TO SAY THAT!

<YOU WEREN'T
SUPPOSED TO
SAY WHAT?>



ABORT! RUN! RUN AWAY!

<IF I FIND ONE
DROP MISSING FROM
THE LIQUOR CABINET
YOUNG LADY!>

* TRANSLATED FROM JAPANESE

SO, EITHER I CONSCIOUSLY CONTROL HER WHICH I SUCK AT OR SHE'S A TWEAKED VERSION OF MY SUBCONSCIOUS RUNNING AROUND. SHE ALSO TAKES A LOT OF ENERGY TO SUMMON.



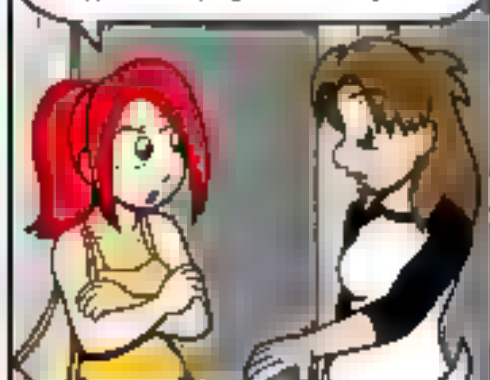
IS THAT WHY YOU TOLD ME YOU WERE DISAPPOINTED BY YOUR SPELLS? BECAUSE YOU'LL GET THE HANG OF HANDLING FOX EVENTUALLY

NO, IT'S BECAUSE THEY'RE HIDING SPELLS THE CLOTHING SPELL CAN DISGUISE ME AND HELP ME HIDE WHAT I PREFER TO WEAR FROM MY MOM, AND THE CLONE SPELL HAS "DECOY" RIGHT THERE IN ITS TITLE



I THINK YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO HIDE LESS STUFF IF YOU WANT NON-HIDING SPELLS

WHAT, LIKE I SHOULD OUT MYSELF FOR BETTER SPELLS? OR TELL PEOPLE ALL ABOUT MY MAGIC AND EXPERIENCES WITH ALIEN HYBRIDS?



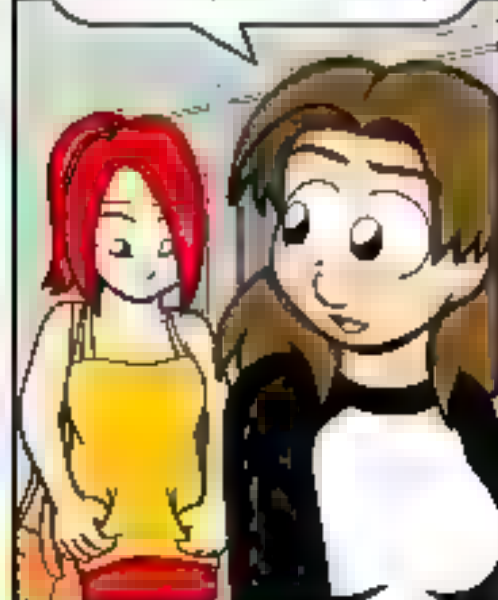
NOT THAT STUFF LIKE YOUR CLOTHES WOULD IT REALLY BE THAT BAD IF YOUR MOM KNEW HOW YOU ACTUALLY LIKE TO DRESS?

IT COULD MEAN THE END OF HOMEMADE COOKIES AS I KNOW THEM.



THAT JUST MIGHT BE THE PRICE YOU HAVE TO PAY FOR NON-SNEAKY MAGIC

ANYWAY, WE CAN TALK MORE LATER. WE SHOULD PROBABLY HEAD BACK TO OUR LOCKERS FOR NOW



ONE STEP OUTSIDE



YOU TWO ARE FRIENDS?



EXCELLENT



MR RAVEN LIKES YOU TOO?



ME AND GRACE WHAT'S WITH THAT GUY? FIRST HE GOES FROM YELLING AT ME AND GRACE TO SPONTANEOUSLY LOVING US, NOW HE'S EXCITED TO SEE US TOGETHER? WHAT IS HE, A DIRTY OLD MAN?

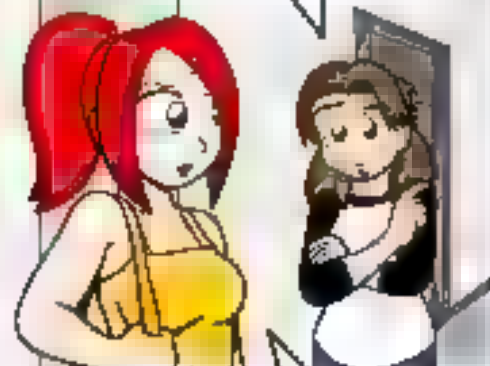


WHY DID WE AGREE TO POSE FOR THIS PHOTO?

APPARENTLY, WE'RE REALLY BAD AT HISTORY

IF HE IS. HE'S BI HE KEEPS TELLING JUSTIN HE HAS POTENTIAL, AND HE'S REALLY FOND OF THIS ONE BOY WITH LONG. BLONDE HAIR

SO WHAT? HE JUST RANDOMLY PICKS "FAVORITES"?



SURE SEEMS THAT WAY

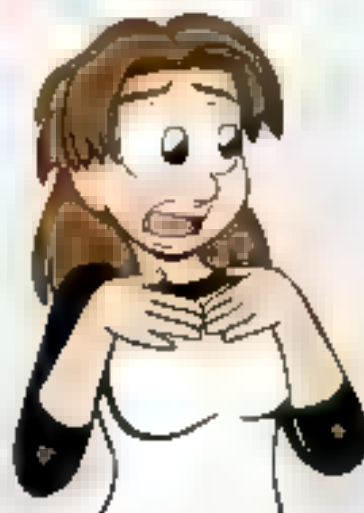
I GUESS THAT'S NOT TOO BAD I MEAN IT'S CREEPY, BUT AT LEAST HE'LL CUT US SOME SLACK.



OH NO NO NO NO

IF HE LIKES YOU HE PRESSES YOU TO THE BLOODY GRINDSTONE

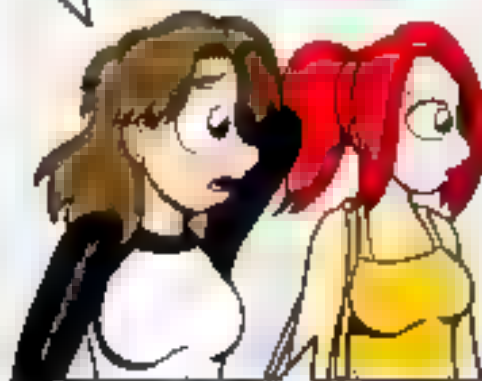
ZA? BUT BUT HE LIKES ME!



RAVEN'S VERSION OF "LIKING" PEOPLE IS EXPECTING THE WORLD OF THEM. IF YOU GET ANYTHING LESS THAN AN "A" ON ANYTHING, HE WILL TEAR YOU A NEW ONE



DAMN. . OK, NOW I'M REALLY GLAD HE SAID HE'D HOOK GRACE UP WITH A HISTORY TUTOR YOUR MOM MUST LOVE THIS GUY

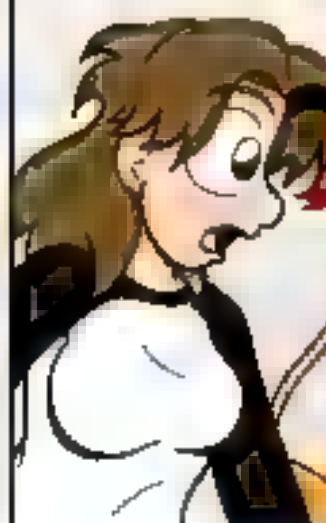


ACTUALLY, HE'S HER LEAST FAVORITE TEACHER. I THINK SHE HAS BAD MEMORIES FROM BACK WHEN HE WAS HER TEACHER.

FROM BACK WHEN HE



HOW OLD IS HE?



I HAVE NO IDEA, BUT I'M BETTING HE DYES HIS HAIR



A SHORT WHILE LATER

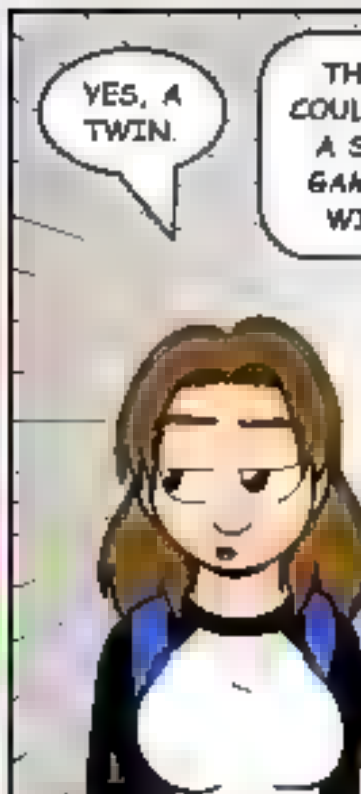
SHE CAN MAKE A
TWIN OF HERSELF?!



WELL, NOT
EXACTLY. IT'S SORT
OF LIKE UM



YES, A
TWIN.



THAT IS SO AWESOME! YOU
COULD ALWAYS GET HUGS, HAVE
A SECOND PLAYER FOR VIDEO
GAMES, GET HUGS, HAVE HELP
WITH CHORES. GET HUGS



YOU SEEM TO HAVE SOMETHING
ON YOUR MIND, GRACE



WHO, ME? NO!
NOT AT ALL!

SIGH
GO AHEAD

GLOMP!



WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO RE-
THINK OUR "NO HUG" STRATEGY FOR
REDUCING RUMORS. AREN'T WE?



WHAT IF I STARTED
HUGGING NANASE AND
JUSTIN AS WELL?

IF THEY LET
YOU, GO FOR IT

ARE YOU FREE AFTER
SCHOOL TODAY, JUSTIN?



SHOULD
BE WHY?

COULD YOU
GIVE ME A RIDE
TO THE MALL?

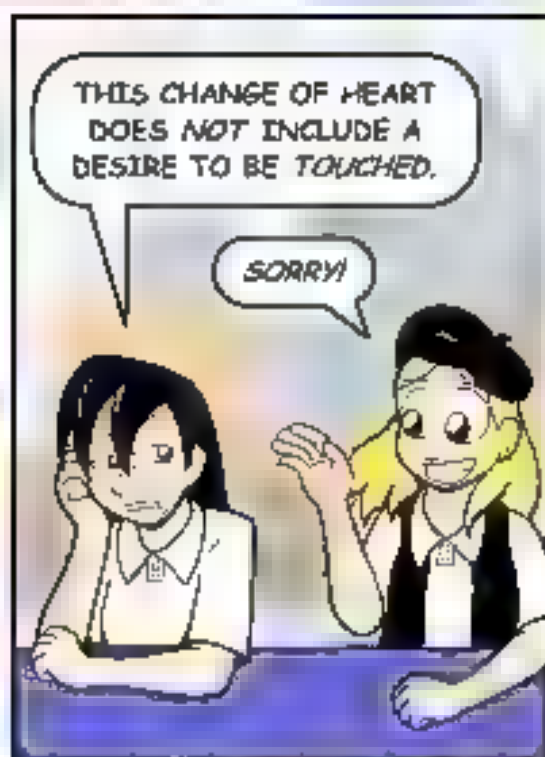
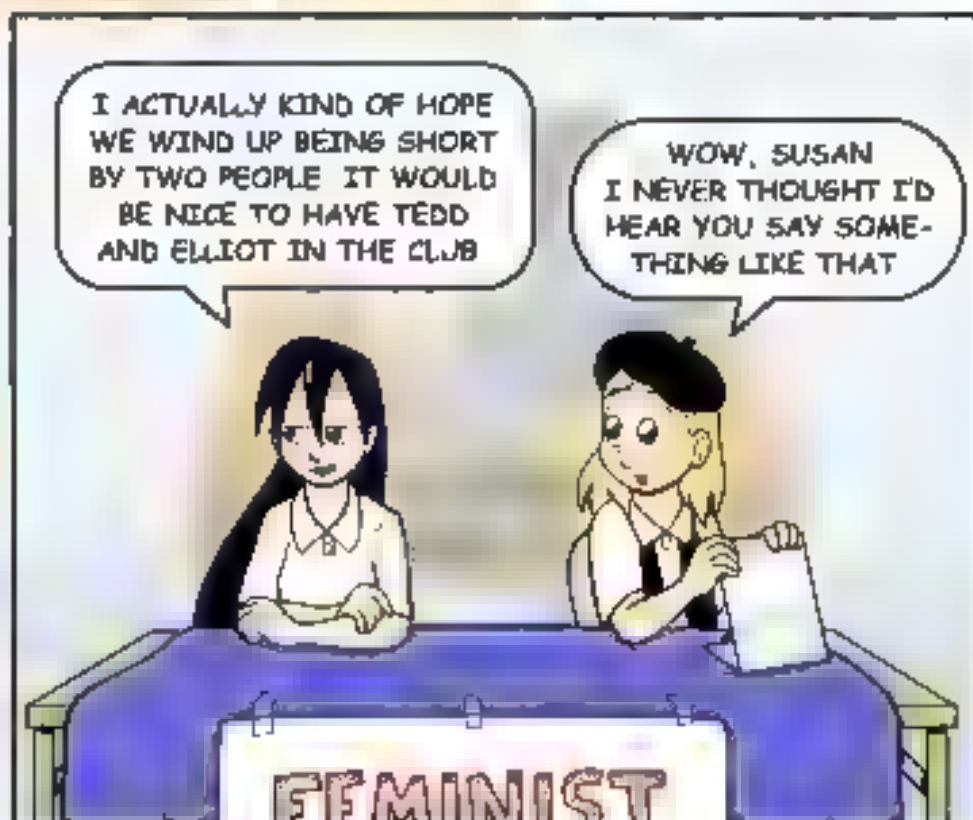
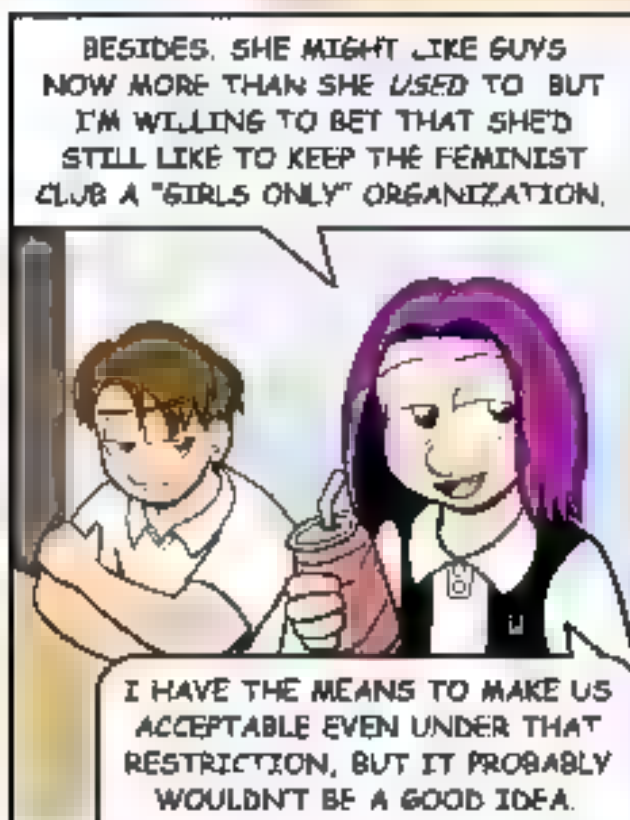
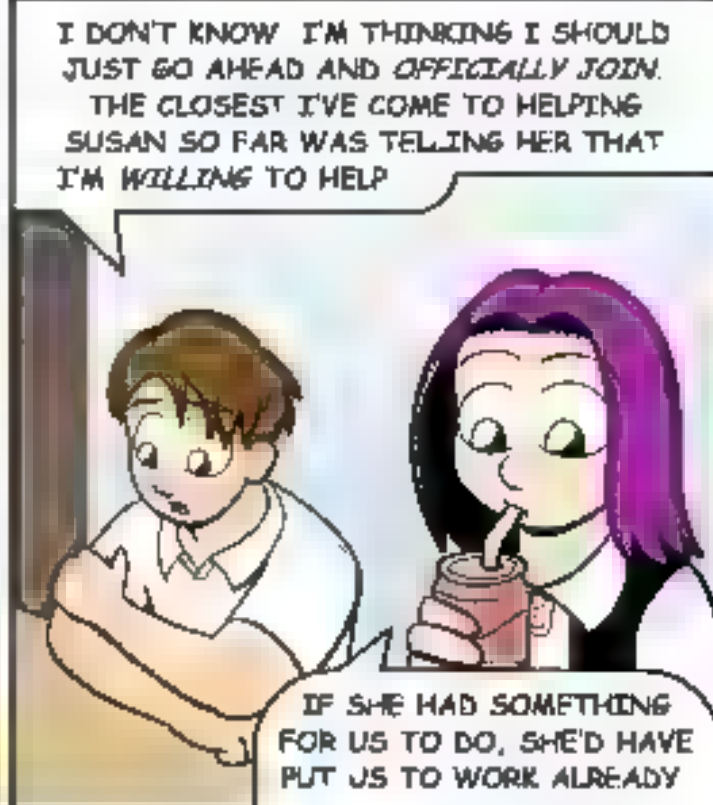
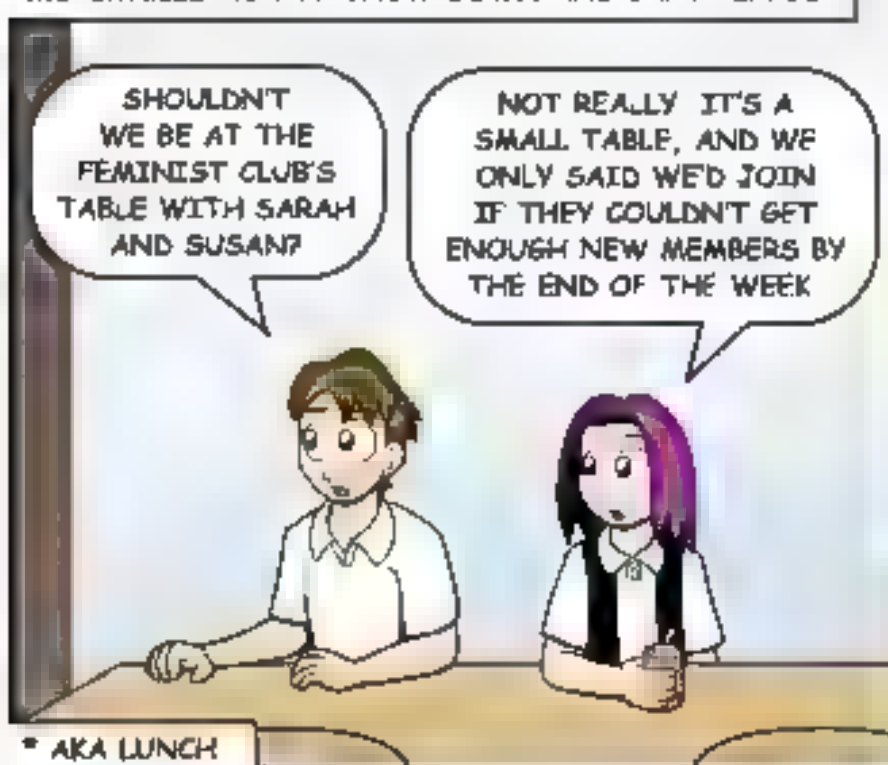
YEAH, SURE. IT'LL GIVE
ME AN EXCUSE TO GET
SOME TERIYAKI CHICKEN



ANY PARTICULAR
REASON?

I NEED
TO MAKE SOME
CHANGES.





YOU GUYS ARE THE GROUP THAT WANTS TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THE UNIFORMS?



WE'D AT LEAST LIKE THE POLICIES TO BE LESS SEXIST MEMBERSHIP PAMPHLET?

NO NEED. MY NAME'S LIZ, AND YOU CAN SIGN ME UP



FOR REAL?

HELL YES!



MY PARENTS SAY I NEED TO SIGN UP FOR SOMETHING EXTRACURRICULAR, AND ANY GRIEF I CAN CAUSE THIS SCHOOL OVER THESE DAMN THINGS IS TIME WELL SPENT!

I USED TO BE ABLE TO WEAR CLOTHES THAT FIT WHO I AM, BUT NOW I'M STUCK IN THIS CRAP! AND THAT'S NOT EVEN THE WORST OF IT!



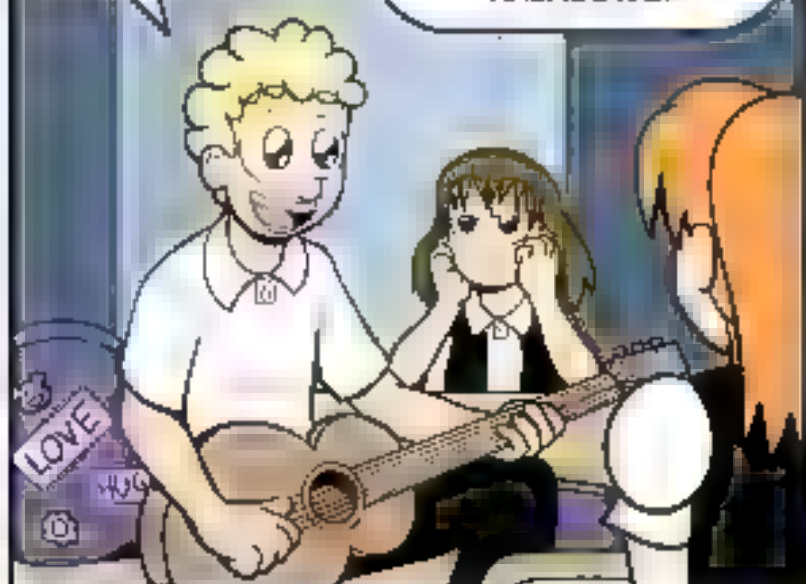
MY BOYFRIEND. OR I SHOULD SAY, EX-BOYFRIEND, USED TO BE ALL DARK AND BROODING WITH LONG, BLACK HAIR, BUT NOW?



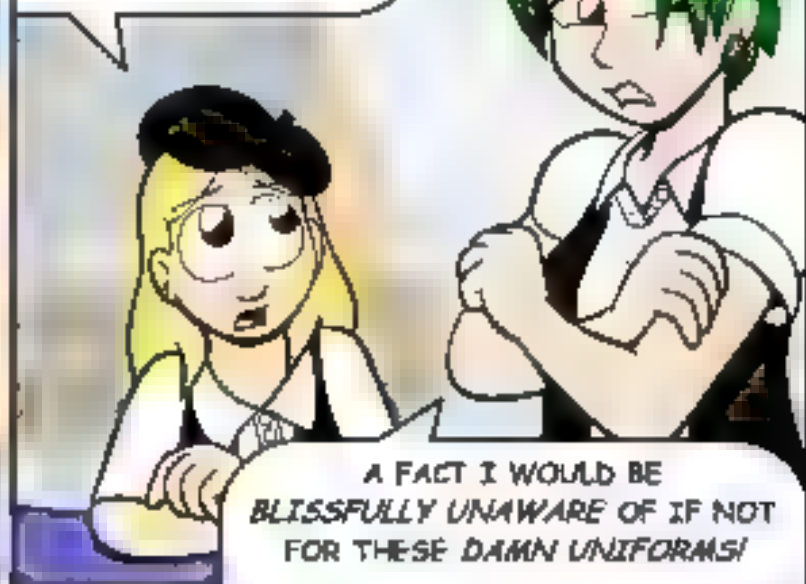
JUST LOOK AT WHAT THESE UNIFORMS HAVE TURNED HIM INTO!

HERE'S ANOTHER FAVORITE SONG OF MINE

IT INVOLVES SUNSHINE, LOLLIPOPS AND, YOU GUESSED IT! RAINBOWS.



JM, I'M PRETTY SURE UNIFORMS DON'T WORK THAT WAY I THINK YOUR EX MIGHT JUST BE A BIG POSER

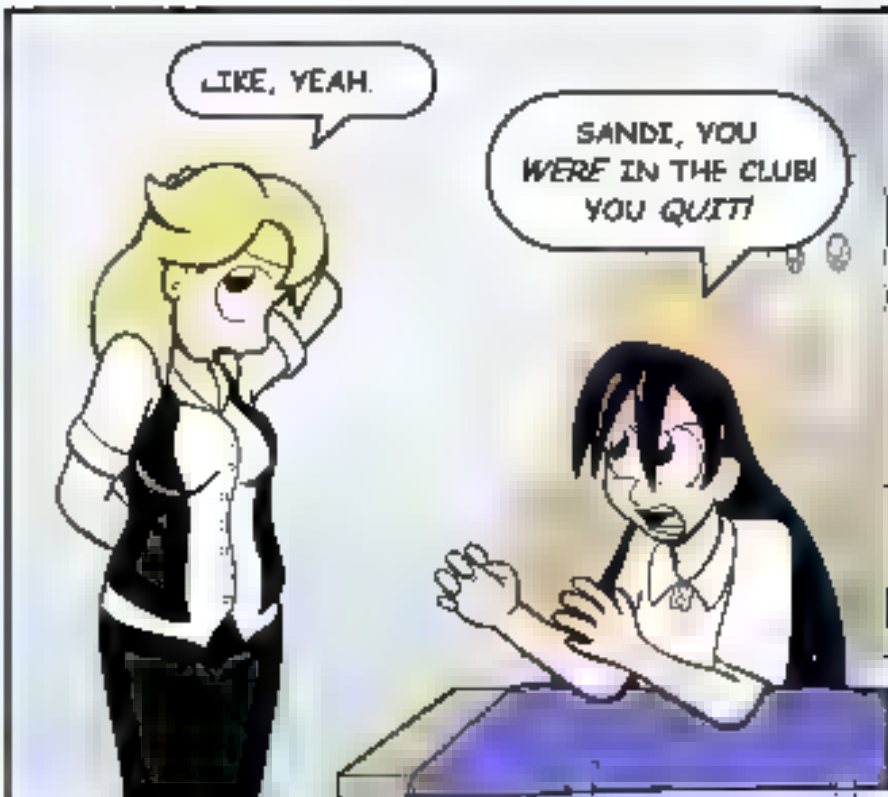


A FACT I WOULD BE BLISSFULLY UNAWARE OF IF NOT FOR THESE DAMN UNIFORMS!



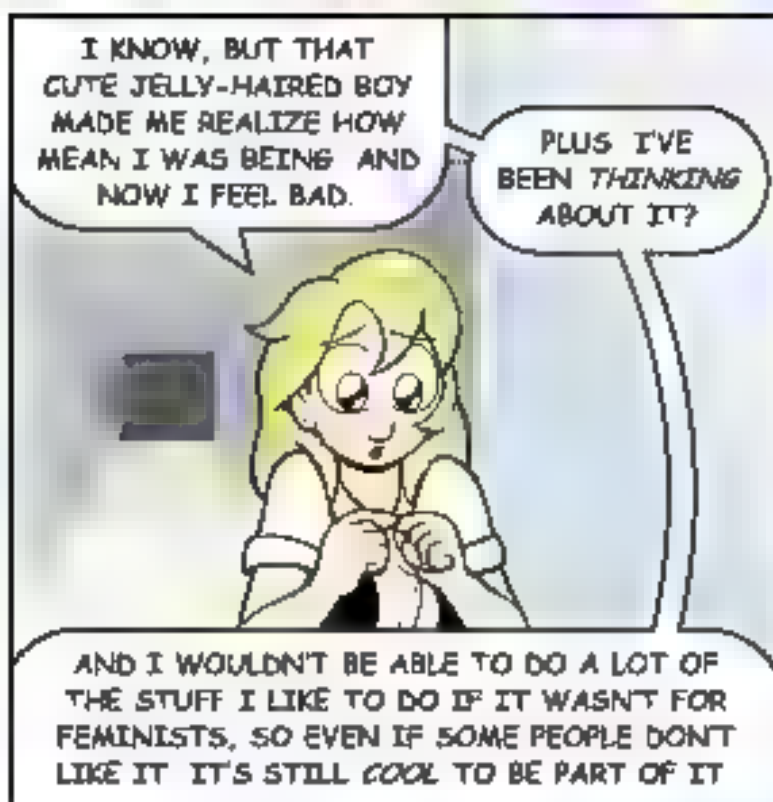
UM CAN I JOIN?

YOU?



LIKE, YEAH.

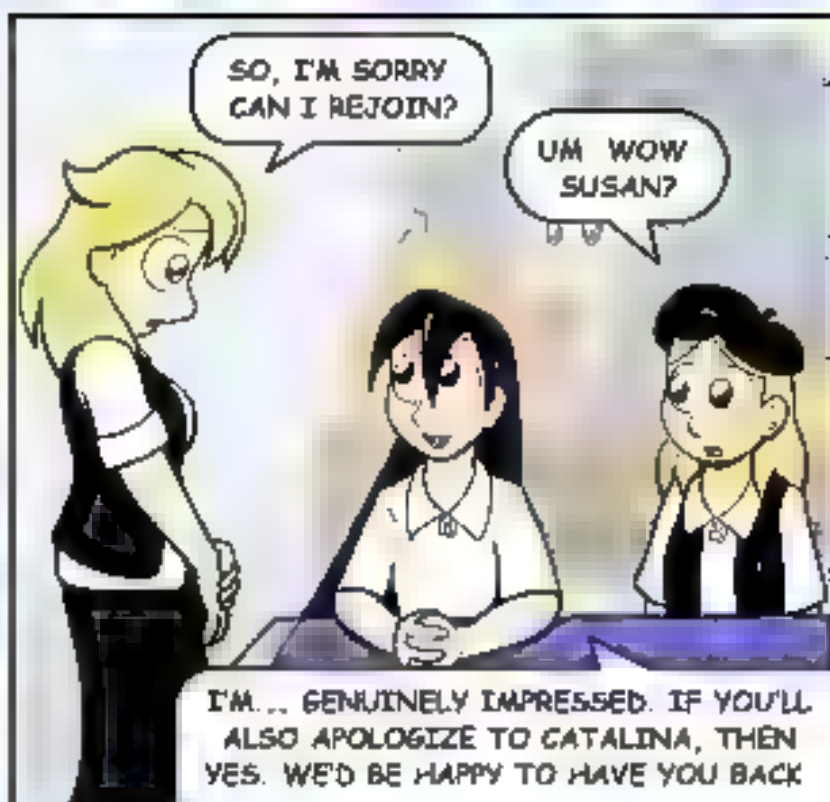
SANDI, YOU WERE IN THE CLUB! YOU QUIT!



I KNOW, BUT THAT CUTE JELLY-HAIRED BOY MADE ME REALIZE HOW MEAN I WAS BEING AND NOW I FEEL BAD.

PLUS I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT IT?

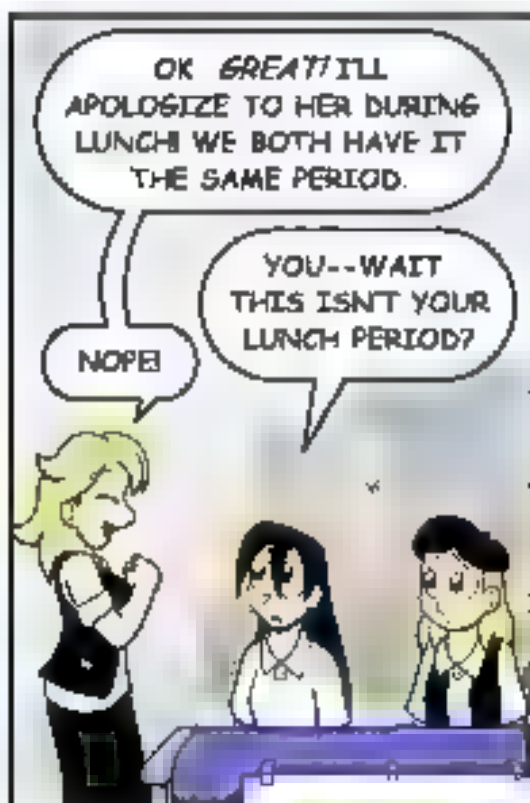
AND I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO DO A LOT OF THE STUFF I LIKE TO DO IF IT WASN'T FOR FEMINISTS, SO EVEN IF SOME PEOPLE DON'T LIKE IT IT'S STILL COOL TO BE PART OF IT



SO, I'M SORRY CAN I REJOIN?

UM WOW SUSAN?

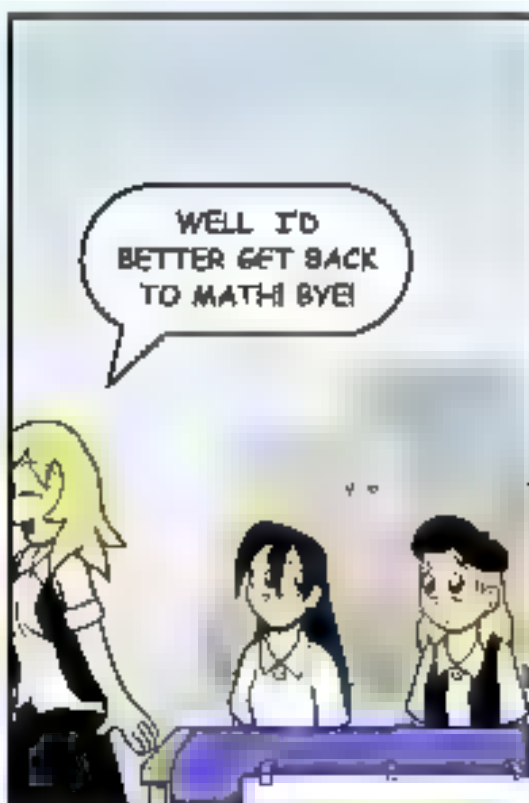
I'M... GENUINELY IMPRESSED. IF YOU'LL ALSO APOLOGIZE TO CATALINA, THEN YES. WE'D BE HAPPY TO HAVE YOU BACK



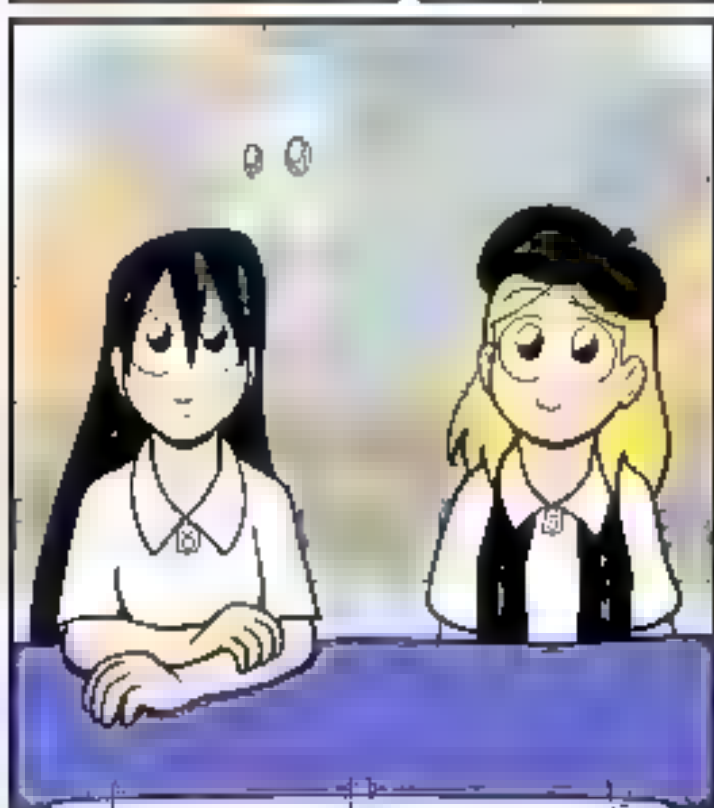
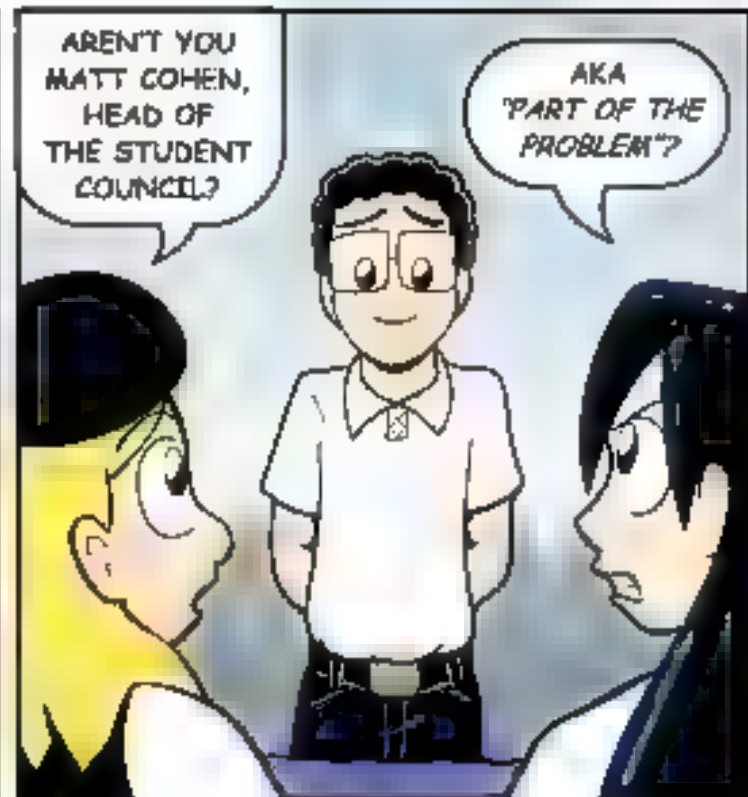
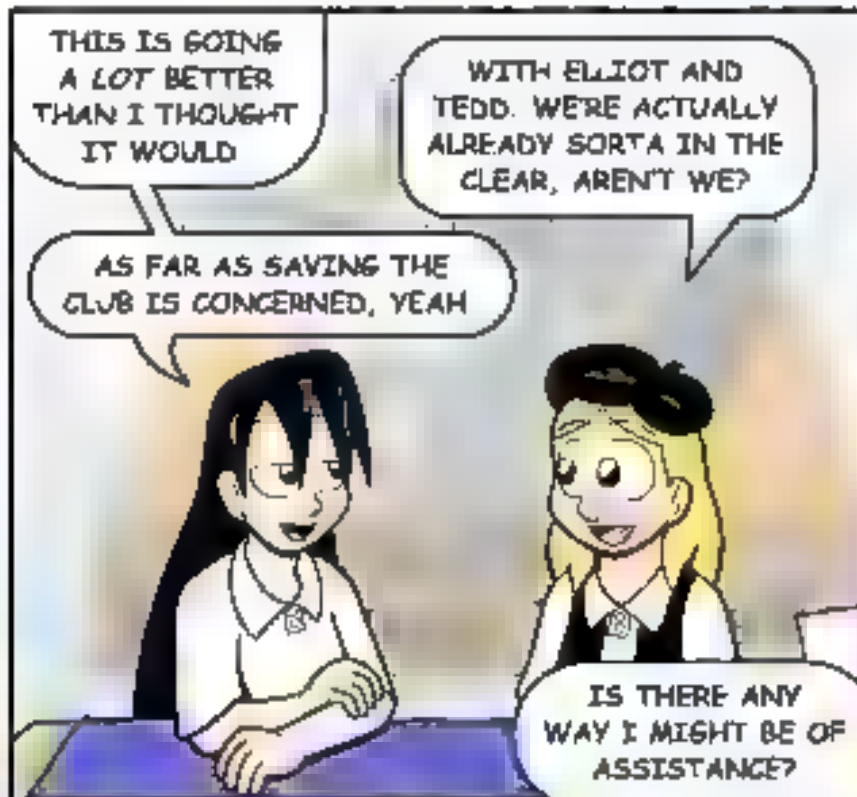
OK GREAT! I'LL APOLOGIZE TO HER DURING LUNCH! WE BOTH HAVE IT THE SAME PERIOD.

YOU--WAIT THIS ISN'T YOUR LUNCH PERIOD?

NOPE!



WELL I'D BETTER GET BACK TO MATH! BYE!

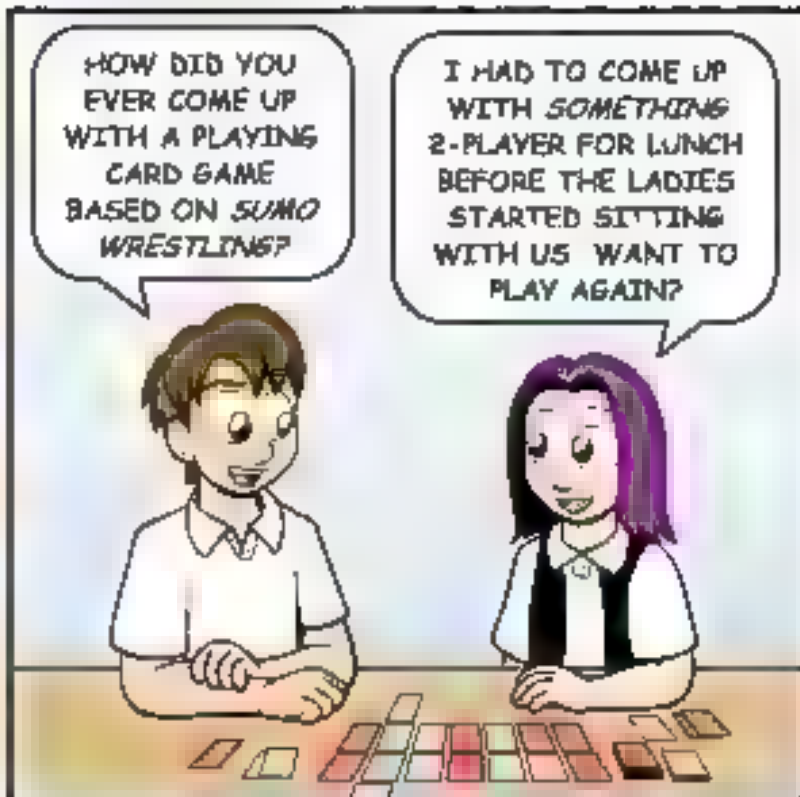




OK I'M GOING TO USE THESE TWO FIVES TOGETHER TO MAKE TEN!

NICE BUT NOT GOOD ENOUGH JACK! I PUSH YOU OUT OF THE RING!

CRAP!



HOW DID YOU EVER COME UP WITH A PLAYING CARD GAME BASED ON SUMO WRESTLING?

I HAD TO COME UP WITH *SOMETHING* 2-PLAYER FOR LUNCH BEFORE THE LADIES STARTED SITTING WITH US. WANT TO PLAY AGAIN?



I GUESS WE-- *GASP*

ELLIOT?



I-I'M FINE! JUST SOMETHING I ATE!

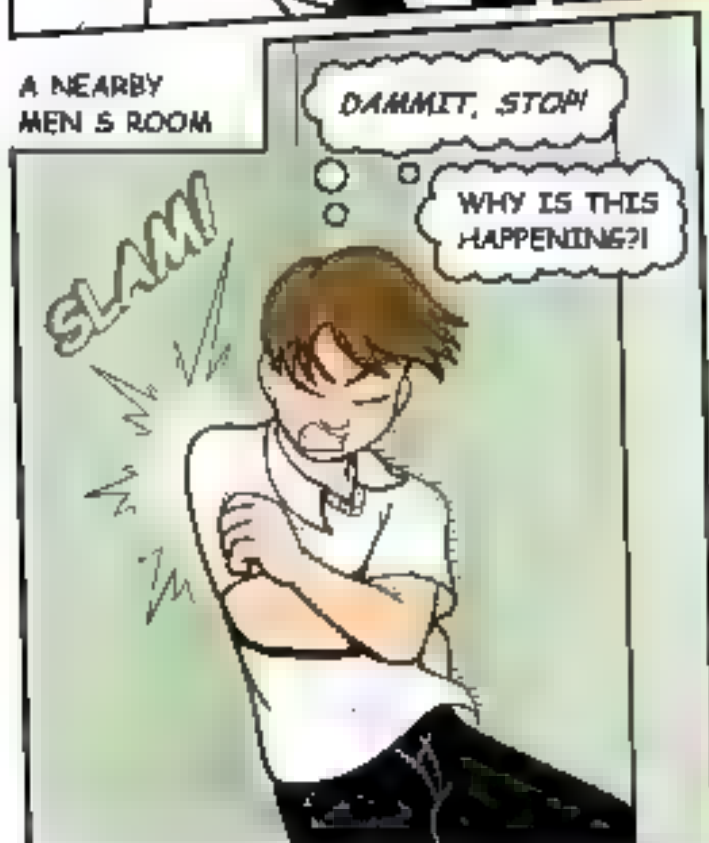
BUT

DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT! I-ILL BE BACK!



BUT I BOUGHT THE SAME LUNCH.

YOU BEHAVE STOMACH.



A NEARBY MEN'S ROOM

DAMMIT, STOP!

WHY IS THIS HAPPENING?!

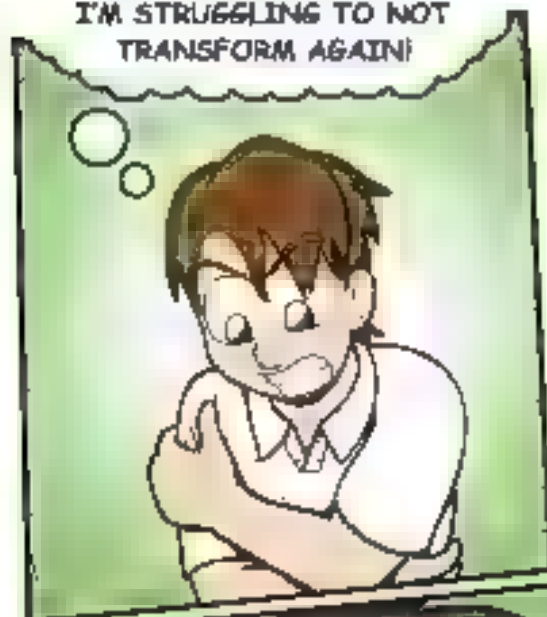


IT'S TAKING EVERYTHING I HAVE TO NOT TRANSFORM!

WHY IS THIS HAPPENING?
FIRST I WAKE UP AS A GIRL
AND IT WAS HARD TO GET
BACK TO NORMAL. NOW
I'M STRUGGLING TO NOT
TRANSFORM AGAIN!

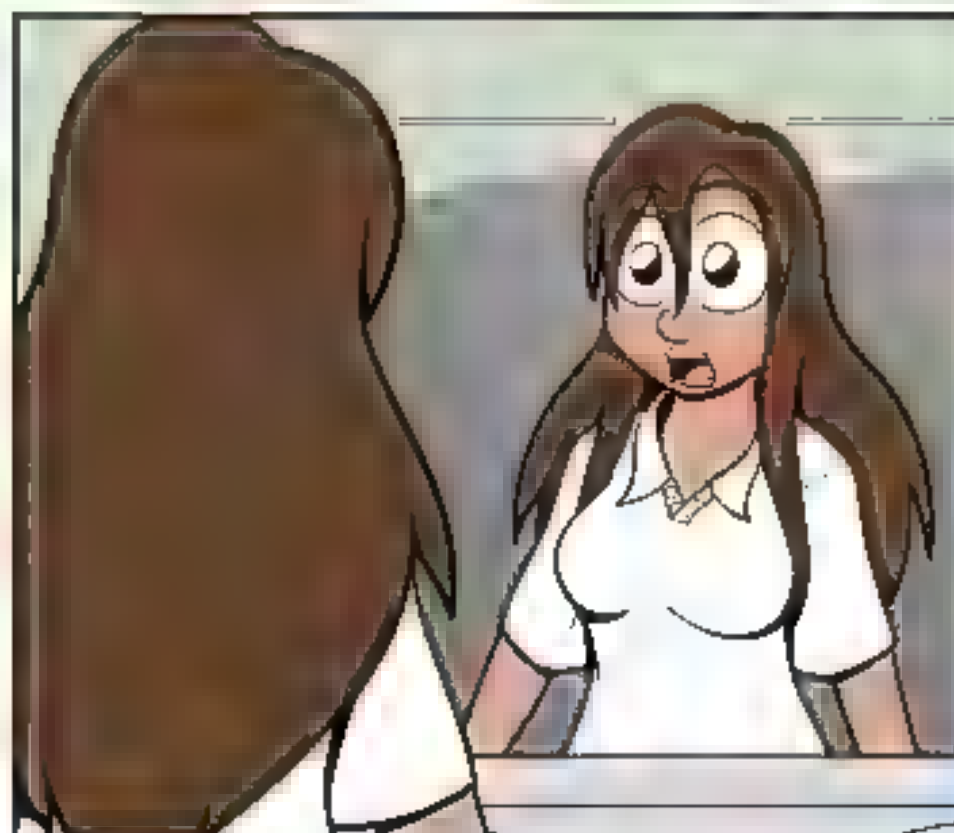
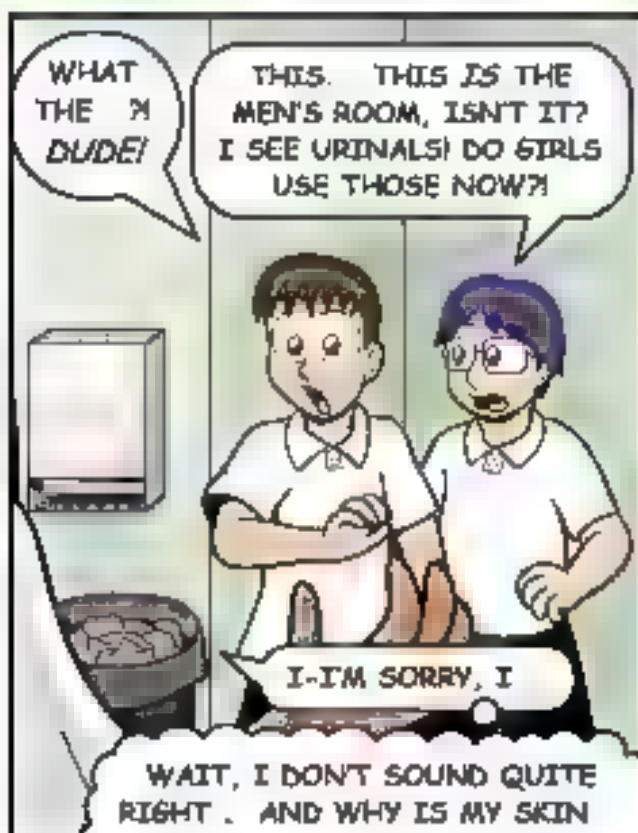
OH MY GOD I'M GOING TO
LOOK LIKE ELLEN! I CAN'T LOOK
LIKE ELLEN! SHE'S GOT HISTORY
HERE AND SHE'S AT SOUTH
RIGHT NOW! HOW THE HELL
WOULD WE EXPLAIN IT?

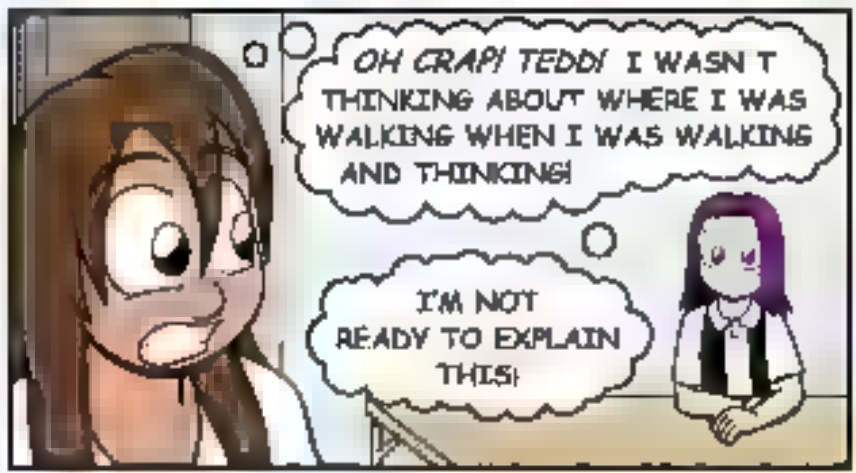
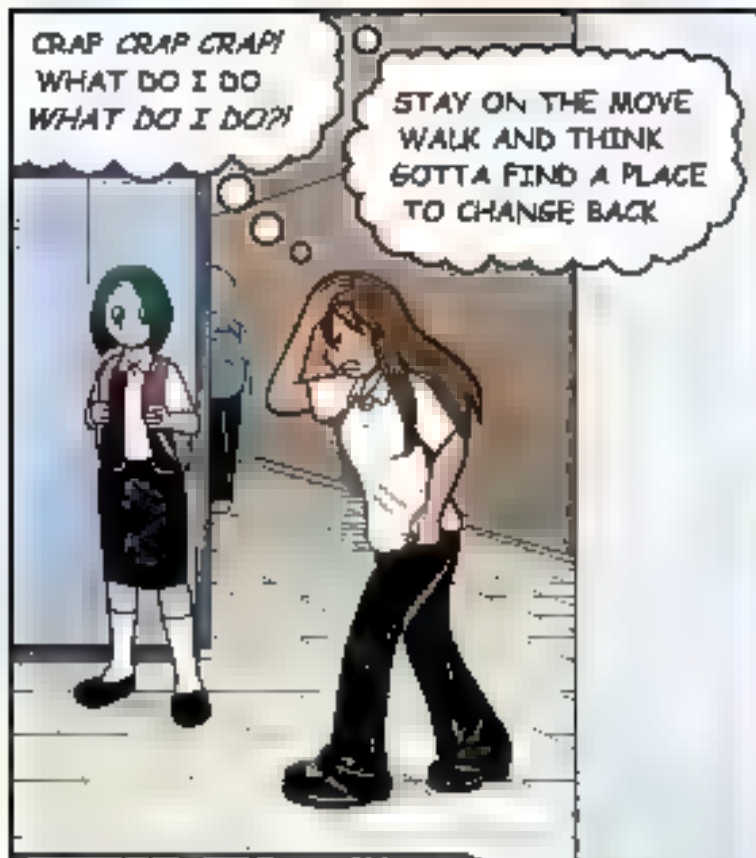
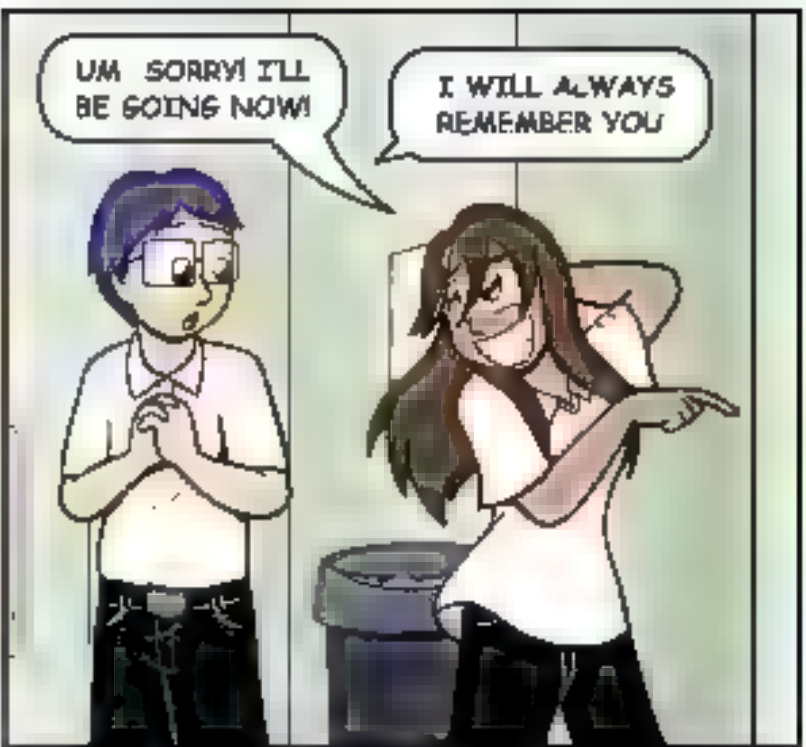
GRACE SHE'S THE SHAPE
SHIFTER! WHAT WOULD
SHE DO? HOW WOULD GRACE
KEEP FROM TURNING INTO--



MAN, GO TO A
DIFFERENT BATHROOM!
WE'RE GUYS! WE DON'T
GO IN PACKS!

HEY IF YOU
HAVE ISSUES, YOU
CAN GO TO A FARTHER
AWAY BATHROOM!





I GUESS ALL I HAVE TO DO IS CHANGE BACK WHILE SOMEWHERE PRIVATE, AND IT WON'T REALLY MATTER WHAT I DO SO LONG AS I DON'T MAKE A BIG SCENE

WHICH MEANS I REALLY NEED TO RESIST THIS SUDDEN URGE I HAVE TO BE IMPULSIVE, LOUD AND OBNOXIOUS

FOCUS, ELLIOT! THIS ISN'T A TIME FOR FUN! DRESSED LIKE THIS, YOU'RE JUST LUCKY IT WAS TEDD WHO SAW YOU, AND NOT--



--SUSAN!



CRAPI! THIS HAS "MAKING A BIG SCENE" WRITTEN ALL OVER IT!

HEY, WAIT!



I JUST WANT TO TALK TO--CRAP

WHERE'D SHE GO?

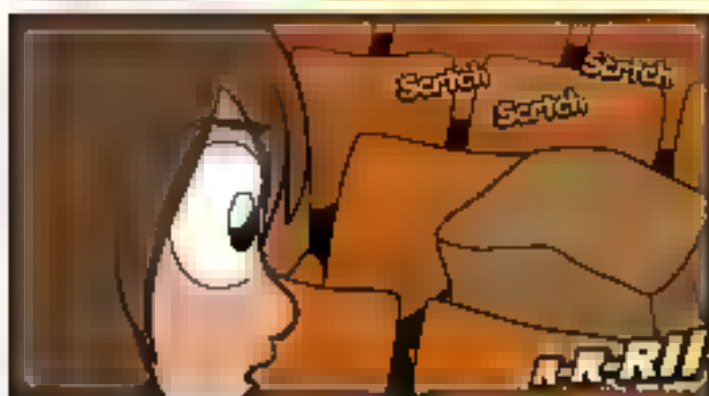
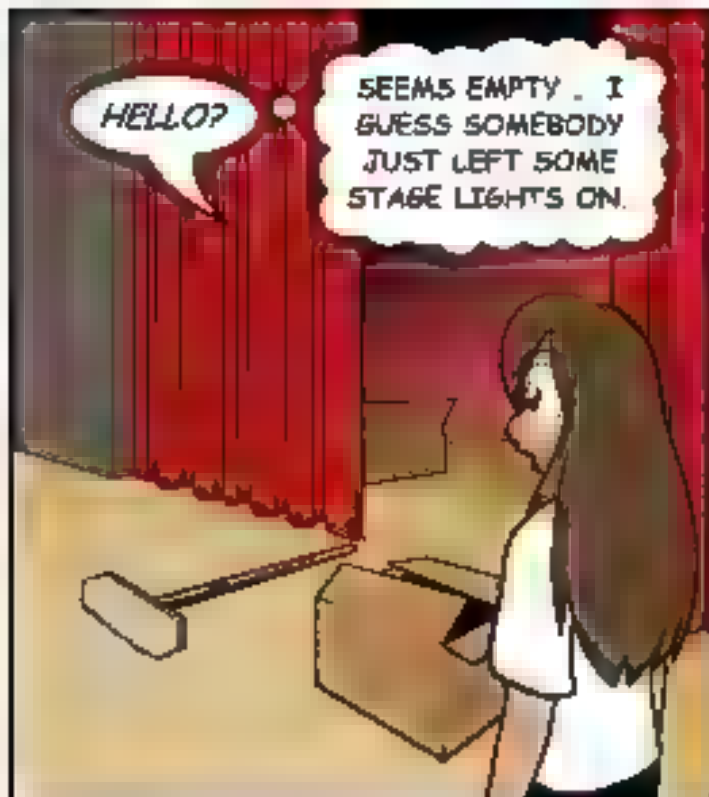


MAN, I AM NOT LOOKING FORWARD TO EXPLAINING THIS TO HER LATER.



I GUESS I'M LUCKY THE AUDITORIUM WASN'T LOCKED AND POSSIBLY EMPTY? YES!

HELLO? IS ANYBODY IN HERE?



CRAP UH, I DON'T KNOW IF YOU CAN UNDERSTAND ME? BUT I DIDNT MEAN TO THROW YOU I KINDA THOUGHT YOU WERE A HUGE SPIDER. WHAT WITH YOUR EYES AND ALL

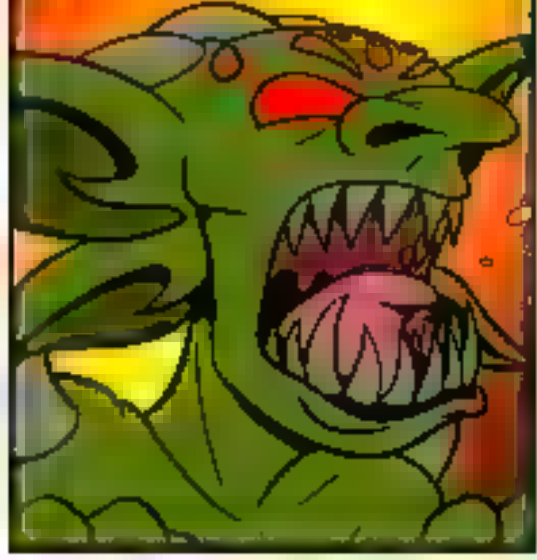


AVOID FIGHTS AND USE ONLY NON- CRITICAL FORCE!

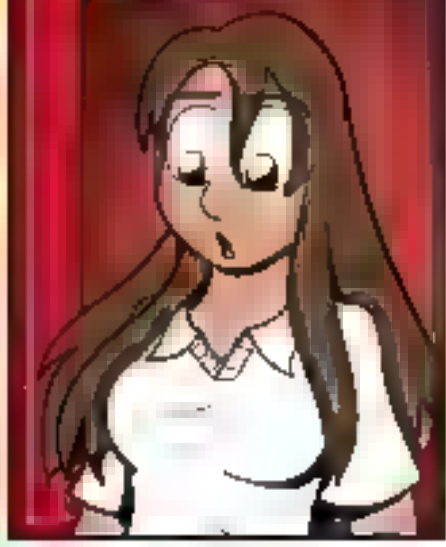
I THROW-A THE BOX!



GRAWR!



OH SNAP

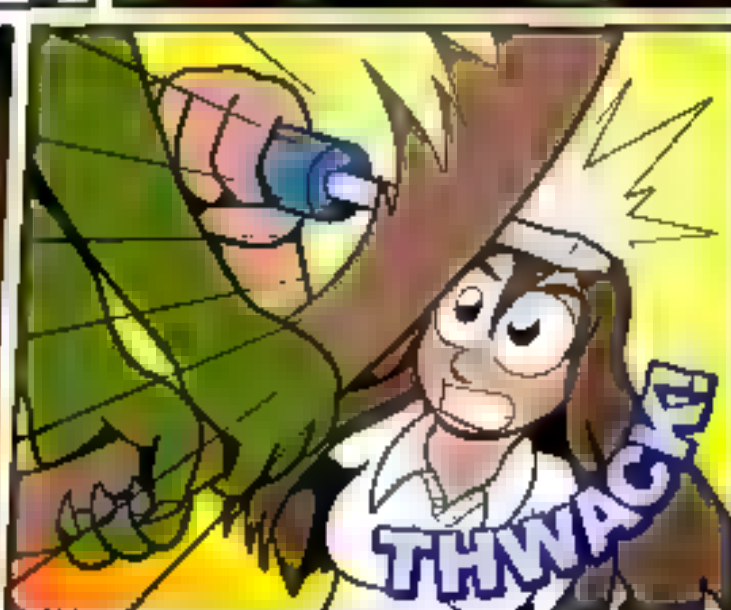
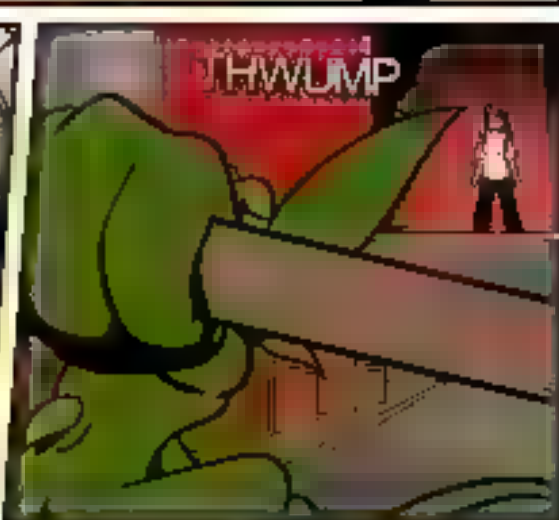


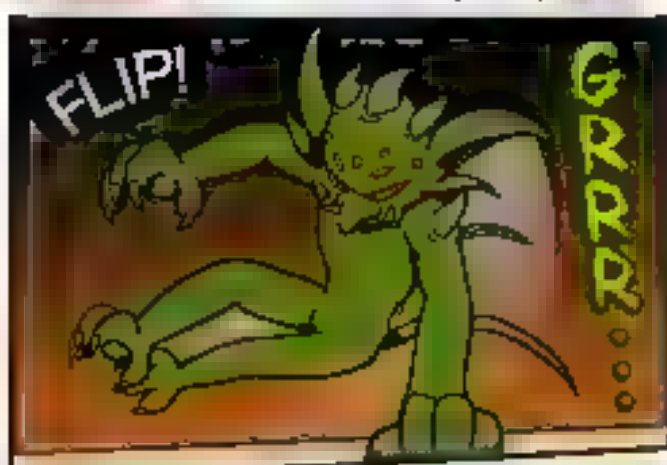
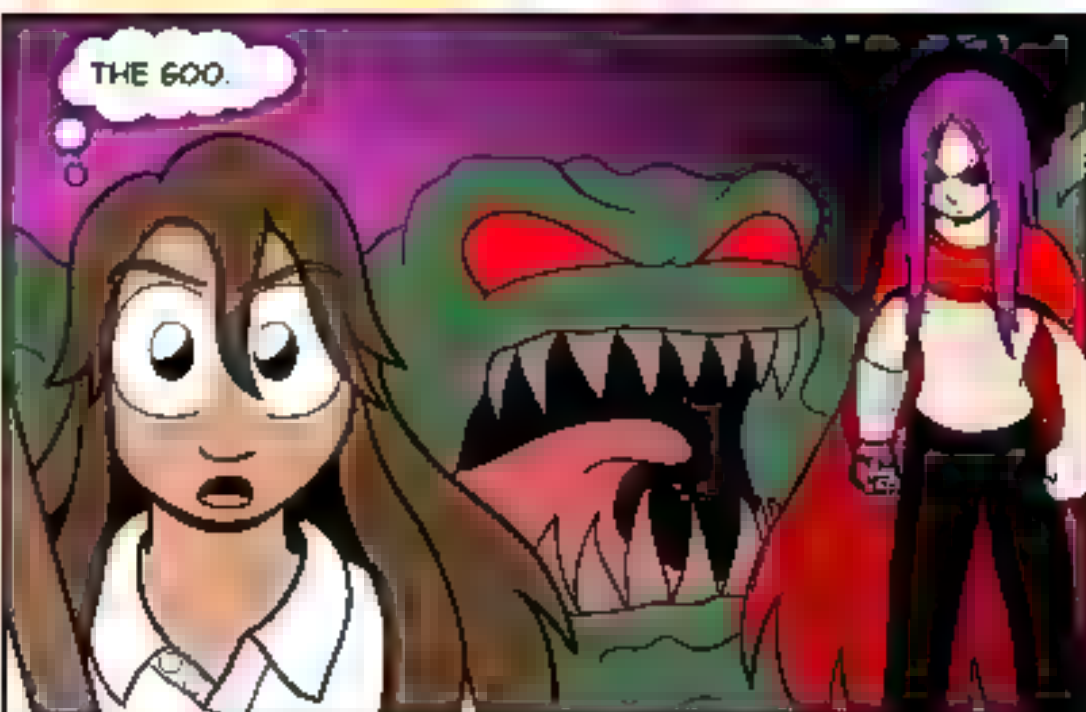
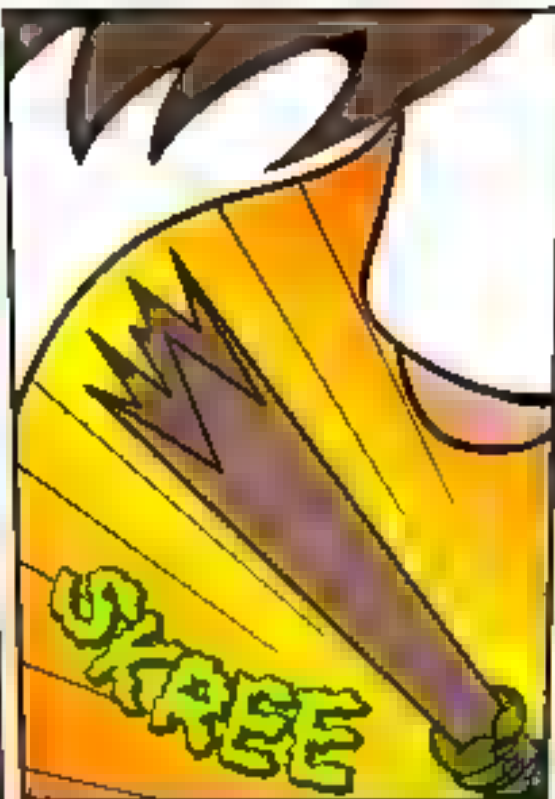
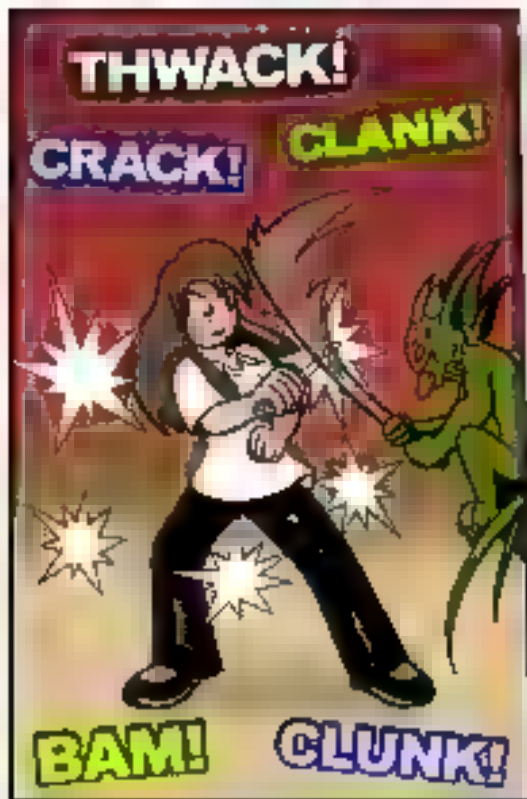
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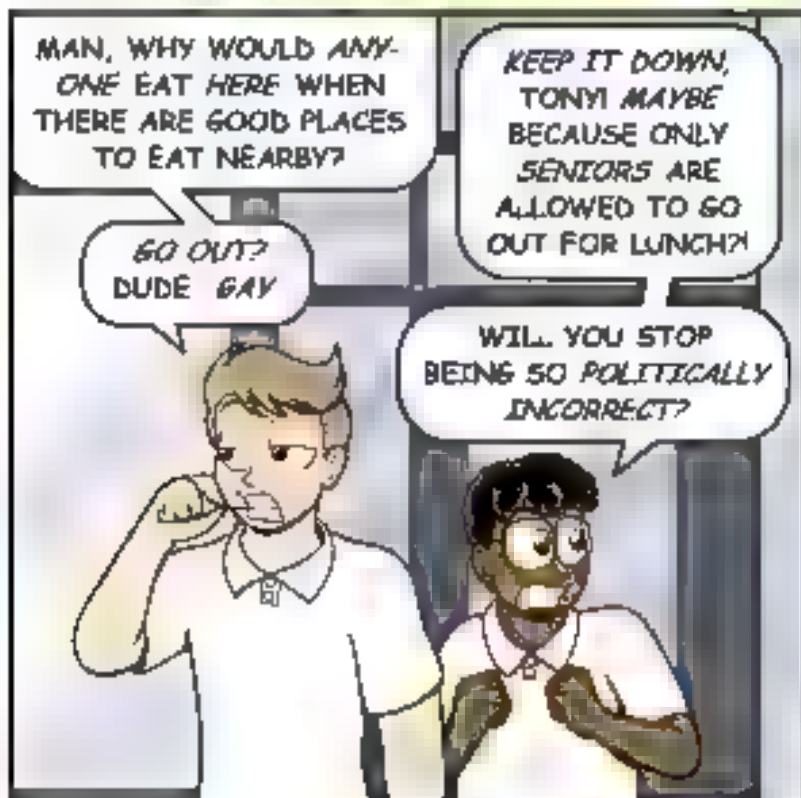
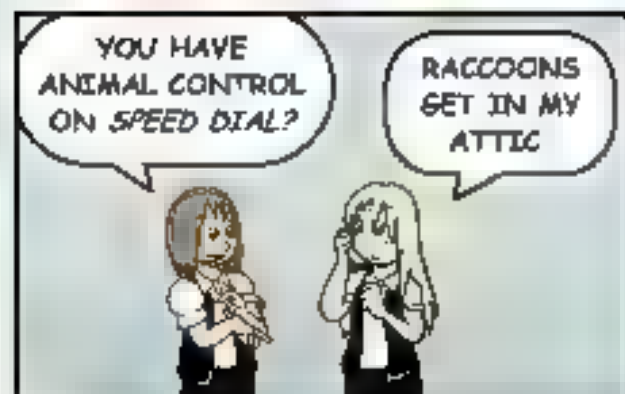
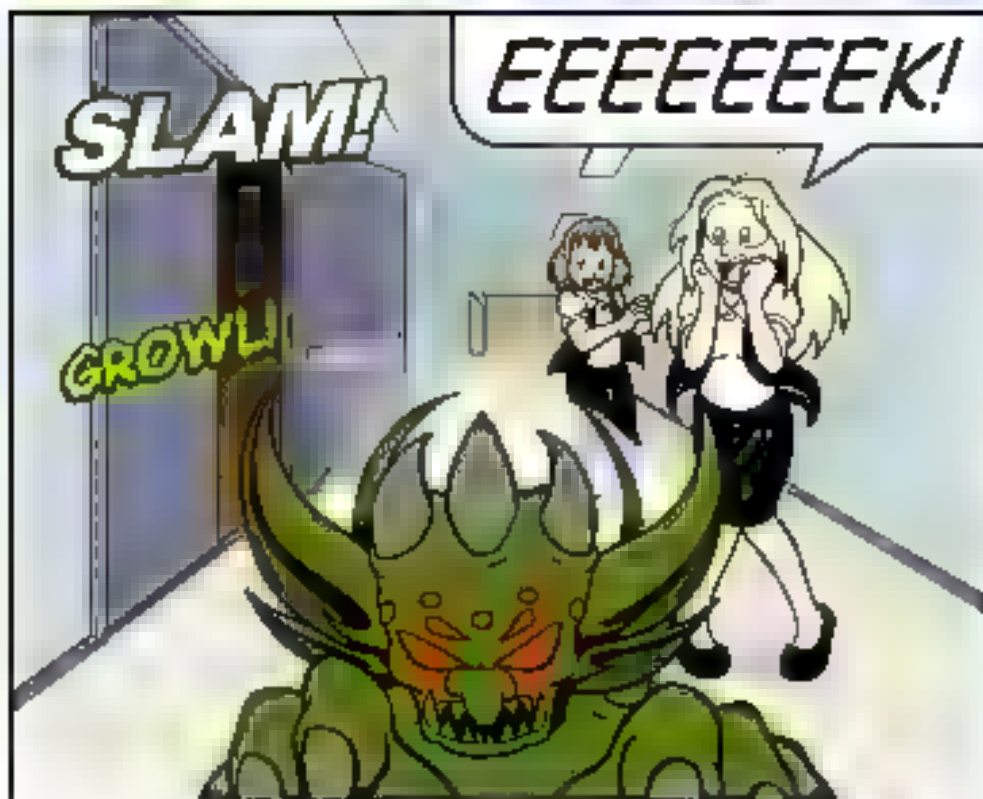
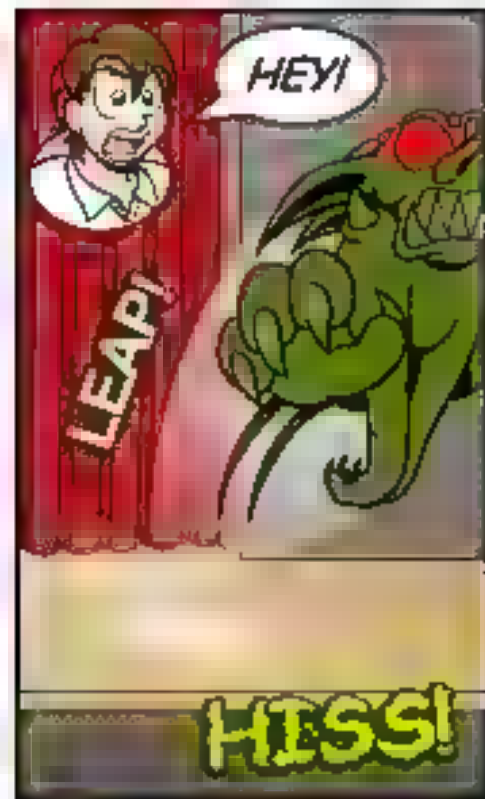
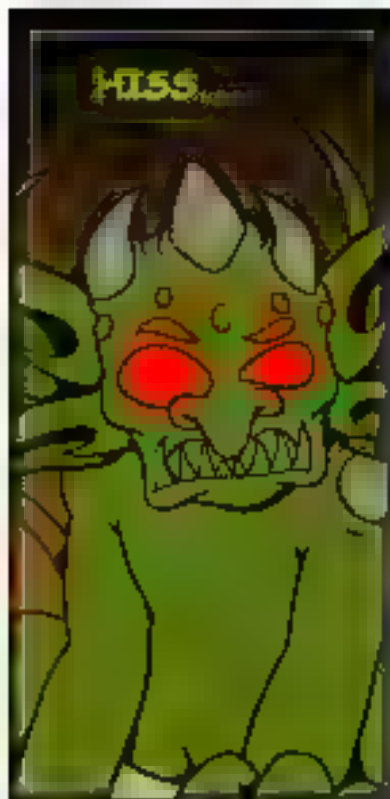


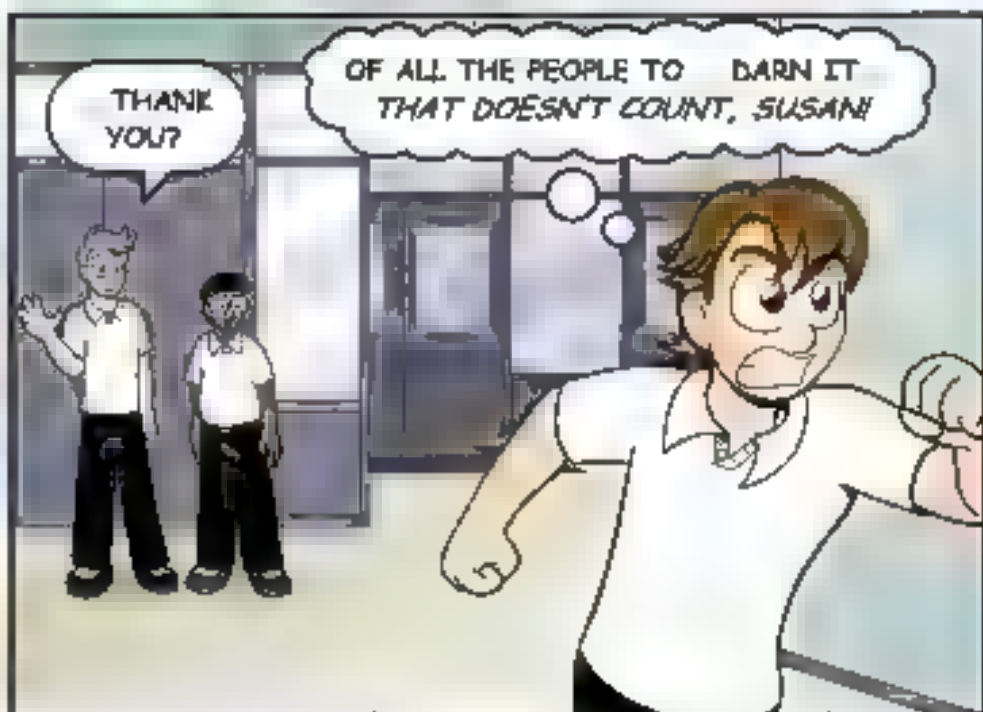
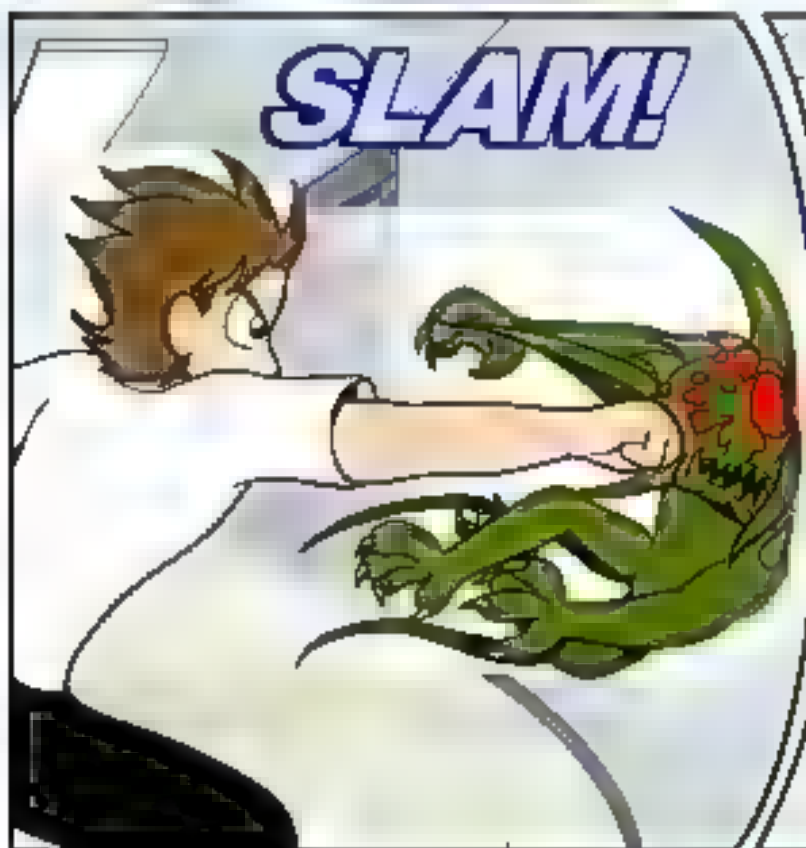
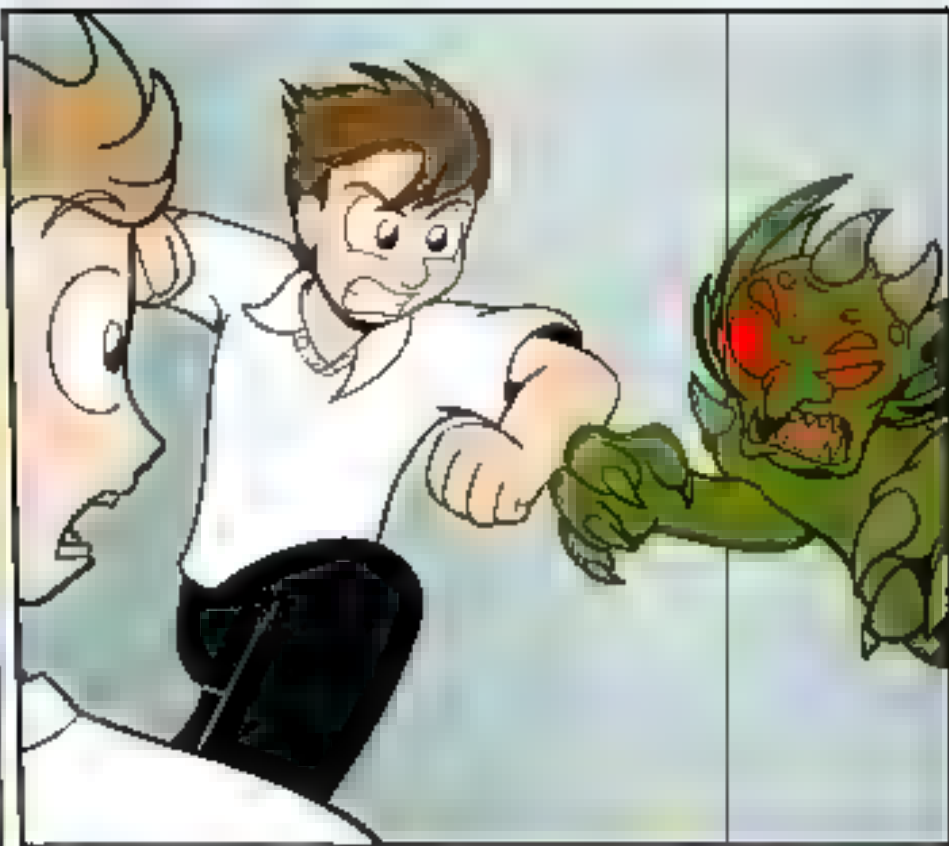
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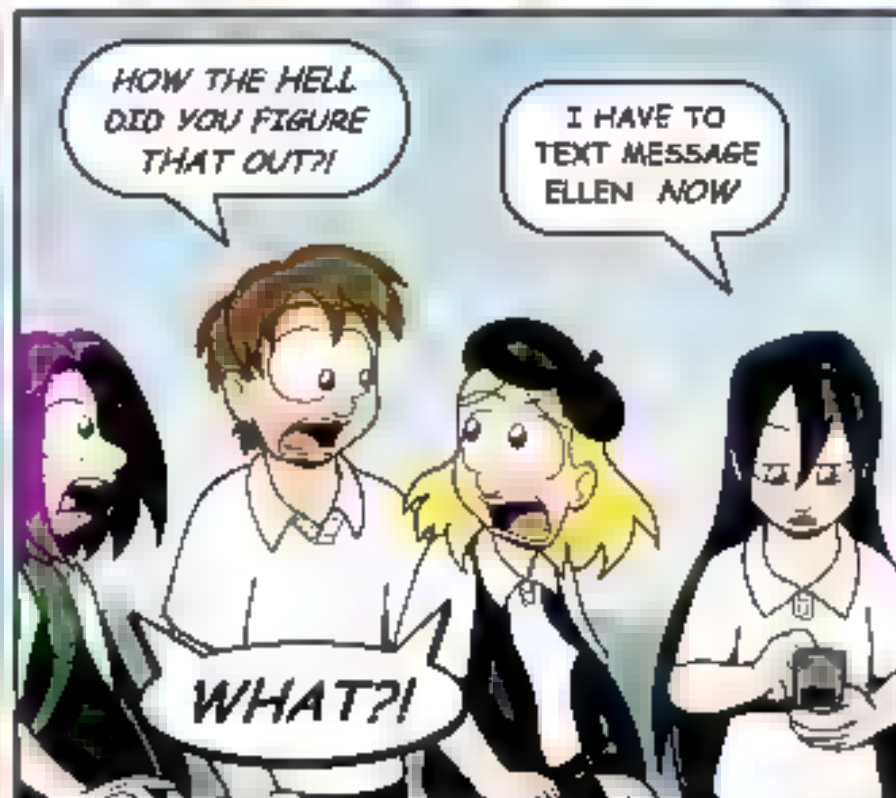
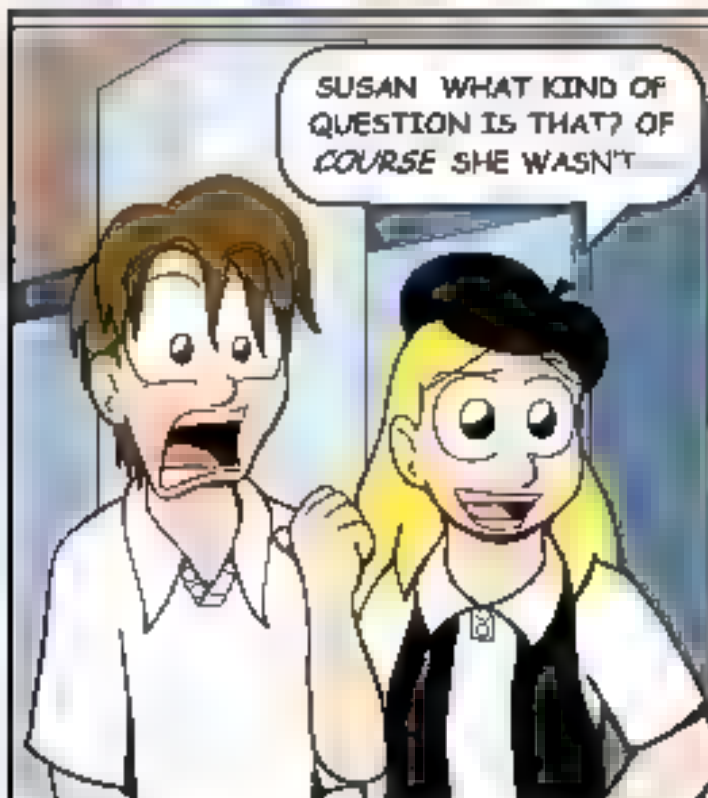
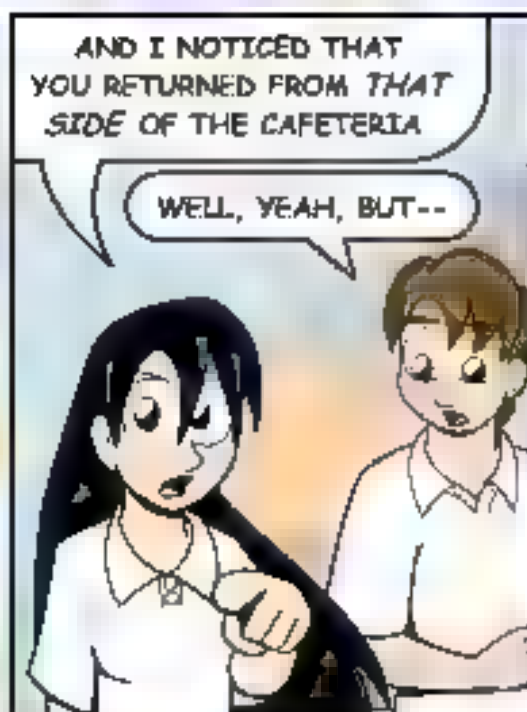
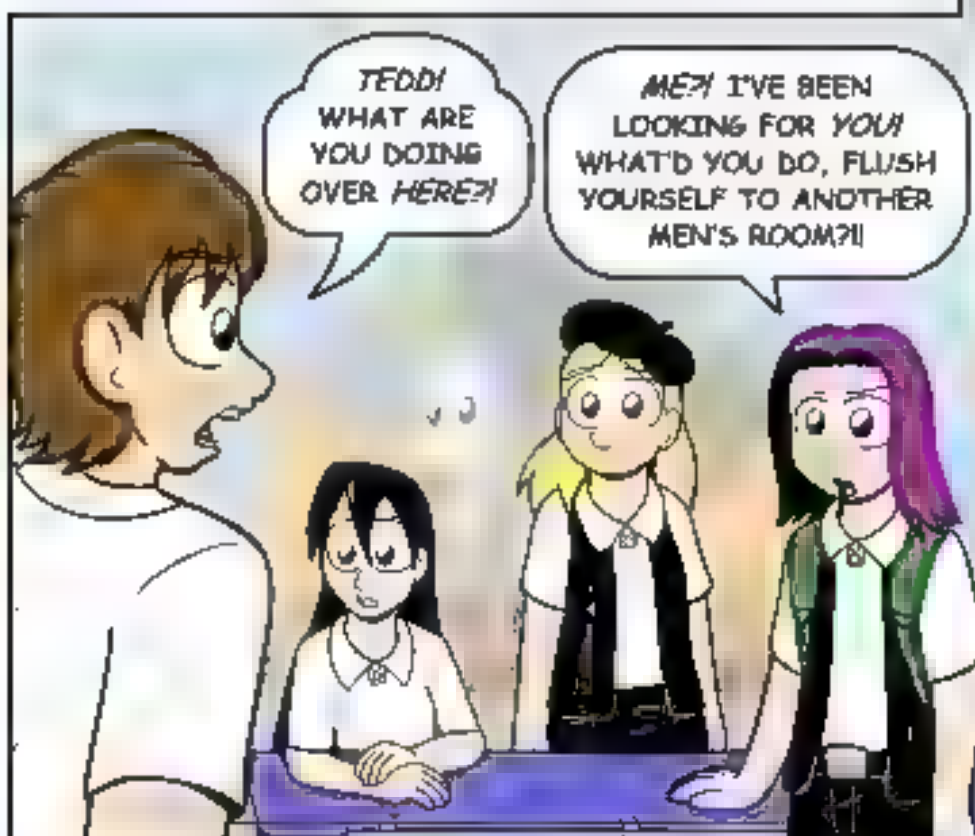


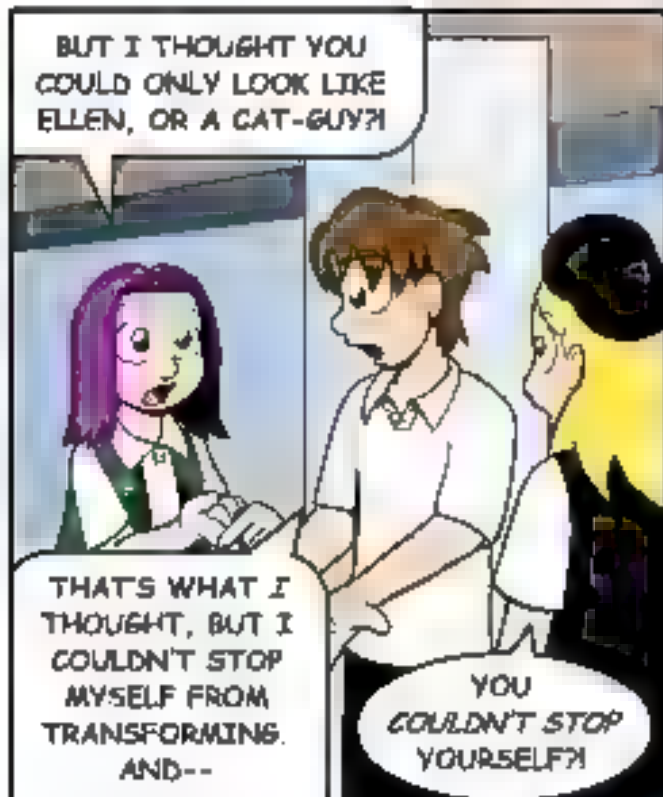






A FEW MOMENTS OF FRANTIC SEARCHING FOR TEDD LATER





BUT I THOUGHT YOU COULD ONLY LOOK LIKE ELLEN, OR A CAT-GUY?

THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT, BUT I COULDN'T STOP MYSELF FROM TRANSFORMING. AND--

YOU COULDN'T STOP YOURSELF?



OK, HOLD IT WE CAN FIGURE THIS OUT LATER I HAVE TO CALL TEDD'S DAD SUSAN, CAN I BORROW YOUR PHONE?

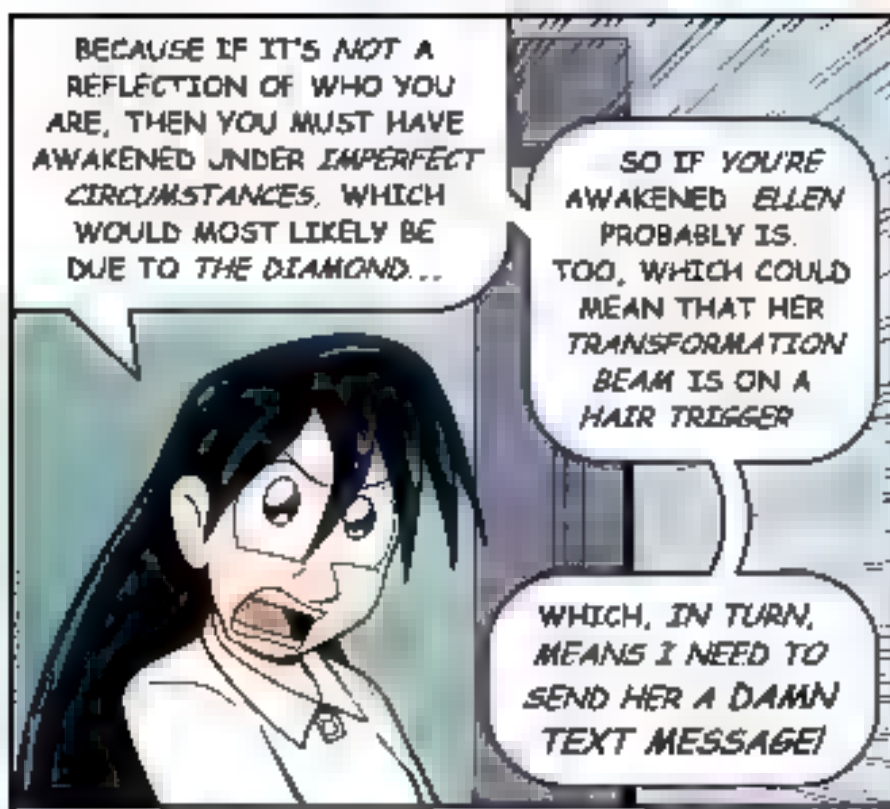
BUT

TEXTING



ELLIOT WOULD YOU SAY TURNING INTO A WOMAN IS A REFLECTION OF WHO YOU ARE?

NO! WHAT DOES--



BECAUSE IF IT'S NOT A REFLECTION OF WHO YOU ARE, THEN YOU MUST HAVE AWAKENED UNDER IMPERFECT CIRCUMSTANCES, WHICH WOULD MOST LIKELY BE DUE TO THE DIAMOND...

SO IF YOU'RE AWAKENED ELLEN PROBABLY IS TOO, WHICH COULD MEAN THAT HER TRANSFORMATION BEAM IS ON A HAIR TRIGGER

WHICH, IN TURN, MEANS I NEED TO SEND HER A DAMN TEXT MESSAGE!



TEDD, YOUR PHONE?

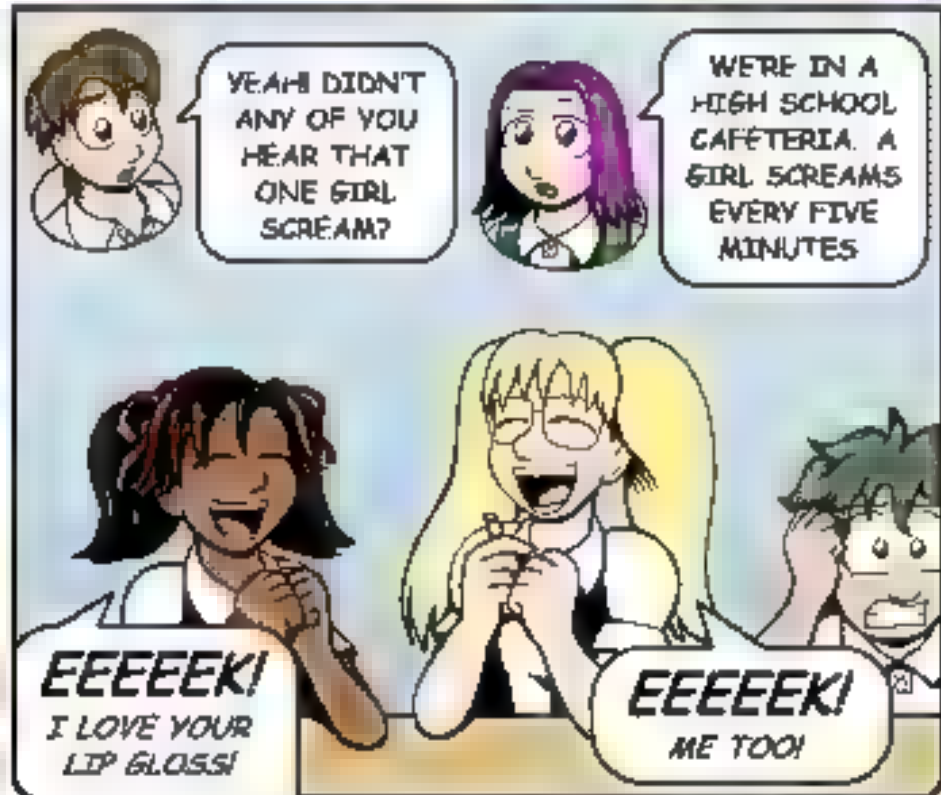
SURE



YOU'RE GOING TO ASK TEDD'S DAD ABOUT THIS? SUSAN SEEMS TO KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON.

I ALSO HAD A RUN IN WITH A MONSTER.

WHAT?



YEAH! DIDN'T ANY OF YOU HEAR THAT ONE GIRL SCREAM?

WE'RE IN A HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA. A GIRL SCREAMS EVERY FIVE MINUTES

EEEEEEK!
I LOVE YOUR LIP GLOSS!

EEEEEEK!
ME TOO!

THE MONSTER'S GONE AND NOBODY'S HURT, BUT I'VE GOTTA CALL THIS IN.

SEE IF YOU CAN GET SOME ANSWERS OUT OF SUSAN WHILE I DO. OK?

OK.

MESSAGE SENT

TERRIFIC! SO WHAT'S UP WITH ELLIOT, AND WHY DO YOU KNOW?

YEAH. DO YOU HAVE CREEPY PSYCHIC POWERS THAT YOU HAVEN'T TOLD US ABOUT? BECAUSE THAT WOULD BE COOL.

WHEN NANASE AWAKENED AND I STARTED DREAMING WHILE ON THAT TRIP TO FRANCE, THE BENEFITS OF EXACTLY HOW NANASE WAS BECOMING A MAGIC USER WERE EXPLAINED TO US.

ONE OF THOSE BENEFITS WAS NOT DEALING WITH WHAT ELLIOT, AND MOST LIKELY ELLEN, ARE GOING THROUGH.

AS FOR HOW I KNEW ELLIOT WAS THE GIRL, IT WAS A DEDUCTION BASED ON ALL THE THINGS I'VE ALREADY MENTIONED.

AND THE FACT THAT IF ANOTHER GIRL HAD BEEN WEARING A MALE UNIFORM ALL DAY WE WOULD HAVE HEARD PEOPLE TALKING ABOUT IT SOONER.

IT WAS NAÏVE OF ME TO THINK OTHERWISE.

OK, I ONLY GOT SOME OF THAT, BUT THE GIST OF WHAT YOU'RE SAYING IS ELLIOT'S A WIZARD?!

NOT REALLY A WIZARD. BUT YES, HE HAS MAGIC. WELL, MORE MAGIC.

APPARENTLY YES. MYSELF EXCLUDED. OF COURSE.

AND NO, I'M NOT GOING TO GO INTO DETAIL ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED IN FRANCE. THINGS ARE COMPLICATED ENOUGH AS IT IS.

THAT IS SO--WAIT. IT'S NAÏVE TO ASSUME THAT CROSS-DRESSING GIRLS ARE ACTUALLY GIRLS?

AW.

OK, THEN WHAT'S THIS "DREAMING" AND "AWAKENED" STUFF ABOUT?

OH, NO. YOUR DAD CAN EXPLAIN THAT MESS OF SEMANTIC CONFUSION IT'S ENOUGH FOR NOW THAT YOU KNOW THAT NANASE "WOKE UP"

ANYWAY, LUNCH IS ALMOST OVER, SO WE NEED TO CLEAR OFF THIS TABLE

MEANWHILE! ON A SPIRIT PLANE INVISIBLE, INTANGIBLE AND INAUDIBLE TO THOSE NOT ALSO ON IT

I KNEW IT! I KNEW THIS GIRL LOOKED FAMILIAR!

ARE YOU SURE?

I'M POSITIVE! THERE WAS A HUMAN-LIKE MONSTER, AND WE KNEW SUSAN AND NANASE WERE IDEAL FOR TAKING IT OUT! I THINK IT TRIED TO KILL SUSAN FIRST THOUGH

THAT DOES SOUND FAMILIAR BUT WHAT WERE WE DOING IN FRANCE IN THE FIRST PLACE?

I DON'T KNOW I THINK WE WERE FOLLOWING SOMEONE

WAS IT SUSAN? OR NANASE? NEITHER MAKES SENSE I WISH WE COULD REMEMBER BETTER

AH, SCREW IT THIS IS TOO COMPLICATED

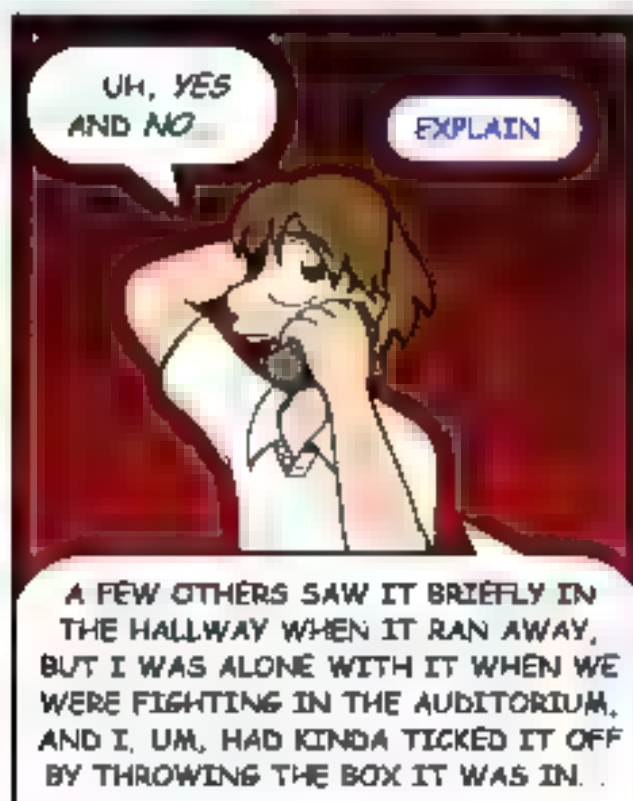
LET'S JUST KEEP SECRETLY FOLLOWING ELLIOT FOR REASONS FORGOTTEN TO US

BUT LIKELY HAVING TO DO WITH THAT ONE SHADOW GUY WHO IS APPARENTLY NOT AN IMMORTAL, BUT WHO IS NONETHELESS ALSO ON THIS SPIRIT PLANE AND POSSIBLY STUCK HERE

DID YOU REALLY NEED TO SAY ALL THAT?

HEY, WE'RE TRYING TO REMEMBER STUFF RECAPPING EVERY SO OFTEN HELPS

TOUCHÉ



WHAT WERE YOU DOING
IN THE AUDITORIUM
IN THE FIRST PLACE?

WELL, I
I WAS KINDA
LOOKING FOR A
PRIVATE PLACE
TO TURN BACK
TO NORMAL.

BACK TO NORMAL? PRIVACY IN AN AUDITORIUM?
YOU'RE NOT MAKING SENSE. ARE YOU TELLING
ME YOU TRANSFORMED DURING SCHOOL?

I DON'T KNOW WHY BUT I
HAD TO! I MANAGED TO TRANSFORM IN
PRIVATE, BUT THEN I WOUND UP LOOKING
LIKE AN ELLEN-GRACE HYBRID AND--

DAMMIT

EXCUSE
ME?

YOU'VE
AWAKENED.

THAT'S WHAT SUSAN SAID, TOO
WHAT'S THAT MEAN? WHY WOULDN'T
I BE AWAKE? I'M NOT--

DID
SHE ALERT
ELLEN?

SHE ANGRILY SENT HER A
TEXT MESSAGE WHAT'S THIS
"WAKING UP" STUFF ABOUT?

I'LL EXPLAIN IT TO BOTH YOU AND ELLEN IN DETAIL
AFTER SCHOOL BUT IF YOU WANT TO AVOID TRANS-
FORMING AGAINST YOUR WILL AGAIN YOU SHOULD
AT LEAST TRY TO TRANSFORM BACK AND FORTH IN THE
PRIVACY OF A BATHROOM STALL BETWEEN CLASSES

IF IT'S A CHOICE
BETWEEN THAT AND
BEING ON TIME FOR
YOUR NEXT CLASS
YOU'RE LATE
GOT THAT?

I WHAT? WHY
DO I NEED TO--

BECAUSE YOU'RE OBVIOUSLY
AT A STAGE IN YOUR MAGICAL
ENERGY DEVELOPMENT WHEN YOUR
ENERGY REGENERATION DOESN'T
KNOW WHEN TO STOP

AND WE
DON'T KNOW
HOW RAPIDLY
YOU'RE GETTING
THAT ENERGY
YET

SO THE ONLY
SURE WAY TO
PREVENT REPEAT
ACCIDENTS IS TO
INTENTIONALLY
USE THE ENERGY
UP AS MUCH AS
POSSIBLE!

O X?

GOOD NOW
BACK TO THE
BLOODGEM
ISSUE

SO AS FAR AS YOU COULD TELL, IT WASN'T AFTER YOU, OR ANYONE ELSE, AND YOUR ENCOUNTER WAS AN UNFORTUNATE COINCIDENCE



SORTA YEAH BUT WHAT ABOUT LORD TEDD?

WHAT ABOUT LORD TEDD?

WHAT IF HE SENT THIS MONSTER THE SAME WAY HE SENT THAT THING THAT BECAME THE GOO MONSTER?



THAT'S EXTREMELY UNLIKELY

HOW CAN YOU BE SO SURE?



ELLIOT, YOUR CONCERNS ARE BASED ON INCOMPLETE AND FALSE INFORMATION. WE HAVE BEEN ADDRESSING THE LORD TEDD SITUATION AND I CAN ASSURE YOU, IT WOULDN'T MAKE SENSE FOR HIM TO BE BEHIND IT

YOU HAVE?!

OF COURSE I HAVE! DID YOU HONESTLY THINK MY STRATEGY AFTER HEARING THAT SOME ONE FROM ANOTHER UNIVERSE WAS ALLEGEDLY OUT TO KILL MY SON WAS TO IGNORE IT AND HOPE FOR THE BEST?!



THAT SEEMED LIKE WHAT WE WERE DOING



WELL, IT WASN'T BUT THAT'S NOT IMPORTANT RIGHT NOW THIS IS ALL COMPLICATED ENOUGH AS IT IS WITHOUT DRAGGING LORD TEDD INTO IT

I WILL SEND MY BEST AGENTS OUT TO INVESTIGATE THE BLOODGEM. SO YOU JUST CONCENTRATE ON NOT ACCIDENTALLY TRANSFORMING AGAIN

BRRINNNING!



SOUNDS LIKE LUNCH IS OVER I LL SEE YOU AFTER SCHOOL. DON'T FORGET TO TRANSFORM BETWEEN CLASSES

BUT I JUST GOT BACK TO NORMAL



SHORTLY AFTER SUSAN TEXTED ELLEN.

SHE THINKS I HAVE MAGIC LIKE YOURS? WHY WOULD SHE THINK THAT?

SHE TOLD YOU TO USE UP ENERGY. ELLIOT MUST HAVE TRANSFORMED WITHOUT MEANING TO, AND SHE'S ASSUMING YOU'RE IN THE SAME SITUATION!

SHE IS! THAT HAPPENED TO ELLEN YESTERDAY!

WHAT?!

SHE SNEEZED AND ZAPPED HERSELF ON THE WAY BACK FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE NOBODY SAW, BUT .

A SNEEZE--? ELLEN, IF YOU HAVEN'T USED YOUR TRANSFORMATION BEAM YET TODAY YOU NEED TO!

I'VE ALREADY ZAPPED MYSELF TODAY TO TEASE ELLIOT. I TOLD HIM I WAS GOING TO GO TO SCHOOL LIKE THAT

SO WHAT'S GOING ON WITH ME AND ELLIOT? I KNOW SOME STUFF ABOUT MAGIC, BUT I'VE NEVER HEARD OF SOMETHING LIKE THIS.

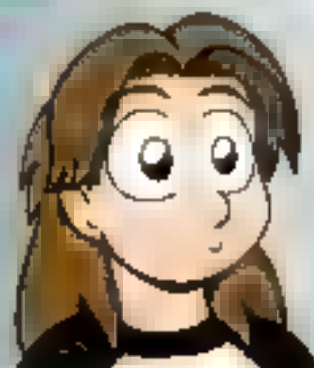
IF YOU AWAKEN NATURALLY, YOU GET SPELLS THAT FIT FOR YOU, BUT IF IT HAPPENS UNDER WEIRD CIRCUMSTANCES, YOU START OUT GETTING SPELLS RELATED TO THE WEIRD CIRCUMSTANCE, AND YOU EVENTUALLY HAVE TO DEAL WITH ENERGY BUILDUPS.

EVERYONE HAS THE POTENTIAL TO BUILD UP THEIR OWN MAGIC ENERGY TO THE POINT WHERE THEY CAN USE A VARIETY OF MAGIC. WHEN THAT HAPPENS, YOU "AWAKEN"

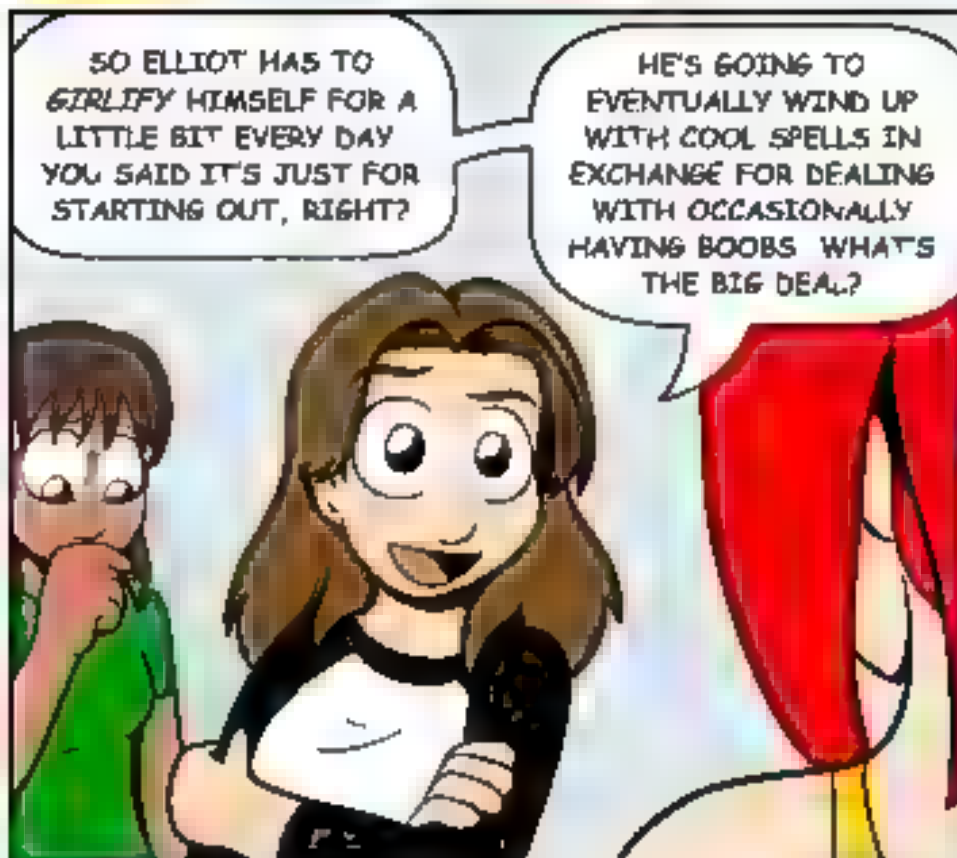
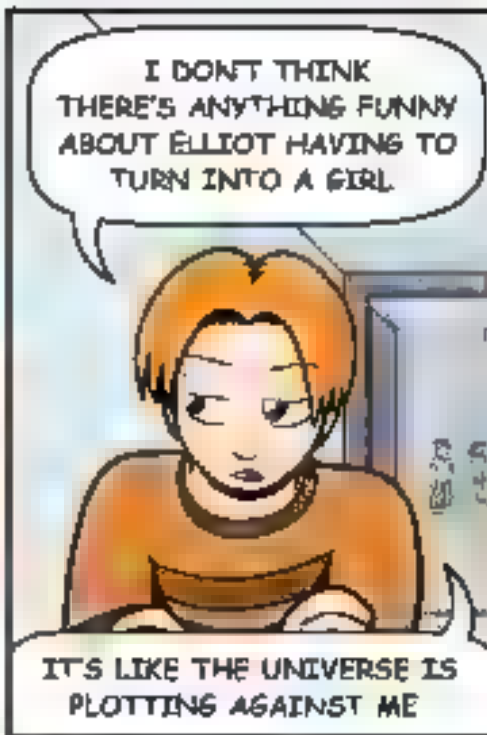
IN THE CASE OF YOU AND ELLIOT, IT WAS PROBABLY GETTING THOSE ABILITIES FROM THE DIAMOND THAT DID IT

THIS IS WOW! SO, IF YOU'RE RIGHT ABOUT ME AND ELLIOT ?

WHATEVER INITIAL SPELLS YOU GET WILL BE RELATED TO YOUR BEAM. AND ANYTHING ELLIOT GETS WILL INVOLVE HIM TURNING INTO A GIRL



HA HA
HA HA HA
HA HA!



TWO HIGH SCHOOLS
WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES
OF BUT ONE CITY

TRULY, THIS IS AN
ERA OF WISDOM AND THE
PURSUIT OF KNOWLEDGE IF
ONLY I COULD SPEND MY TIME
HERE IN A LIBRARY

NO SUCH LUXURY FOR ONE
SUCH AS MYSELF, HOWEVER
I MUST CONTINUE MY
SEARCH FOR THE OTHER HALF
OF THE EQUATION, BE IT THE
CURSED OR ABOMINATION.

ADDITIONAL
SCHOOL
HAVE - IN AND LEARN
BUT DON'T SHAKE FINGERS
IN THE - ALLS

WAIT

IT
CAN'T
BE

ONE OF THEM IS IN THAT
SCHOOL! I CAN ONLY SENSE
THEM FAINTLY, BUT

HOW CAN THIS BE?
NEITHER SCHOOL HAS
A SENSE OF PANIC OR
TERROR BEYOND STANDARD
TEENAGE ANGST!

THERE MUST
BE MORE I CAN
GATHER - PUSH
THE LIMITS
OF--

THERE IS SOMETHING WITHIN
THAT SCHOOL THAT IS FAR MORE UN-
NATURAL THAN THE MONSTER I SEEK

SO, ARE YOU GOING TO EXPLAIN THIS STUFF TO US NOW?

FIRST, I NEED TO CONFIRM THAT YOU AND ELLIOT HAVE AWAKENED, AND I SHALL DO SO

USING THIS!

WHAT ARE YOU PLANNING TO DO WITH THAT?!

IF THAT'S ANYTHING LIKE A THERMOMETER, IT HAD BETTER BE ORAL!

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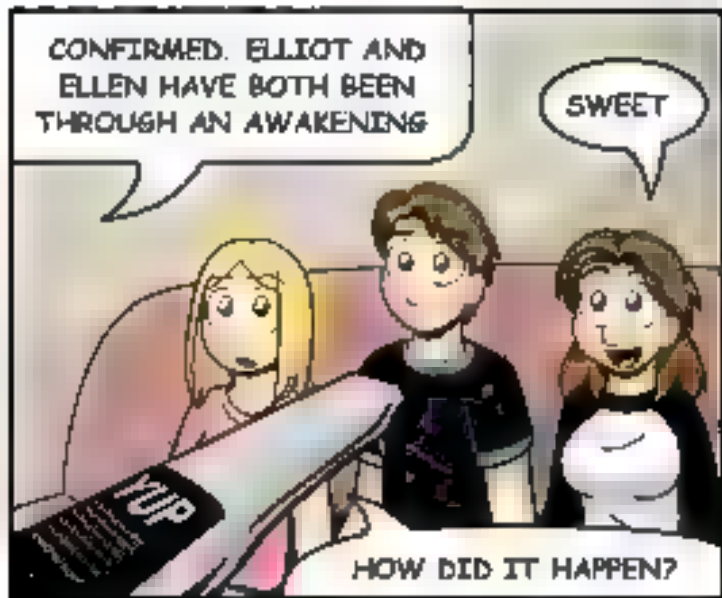
OH, FOR . THIS IS A MAGIC ANALYSIS WAND I'M GOING TO POINT IT AT YOU, NOT IN YOU!

IT SOUNDS LIKE A MONSTER THAT'S ABOUT TO BITE SOMEONE'S HEAD OFF!

REGARDLESS.

IT WILL TELL ME IF YOU'VE AWAKENED, ALONG WITH OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION. IT'S NOTHING TO BE AFRAID OF

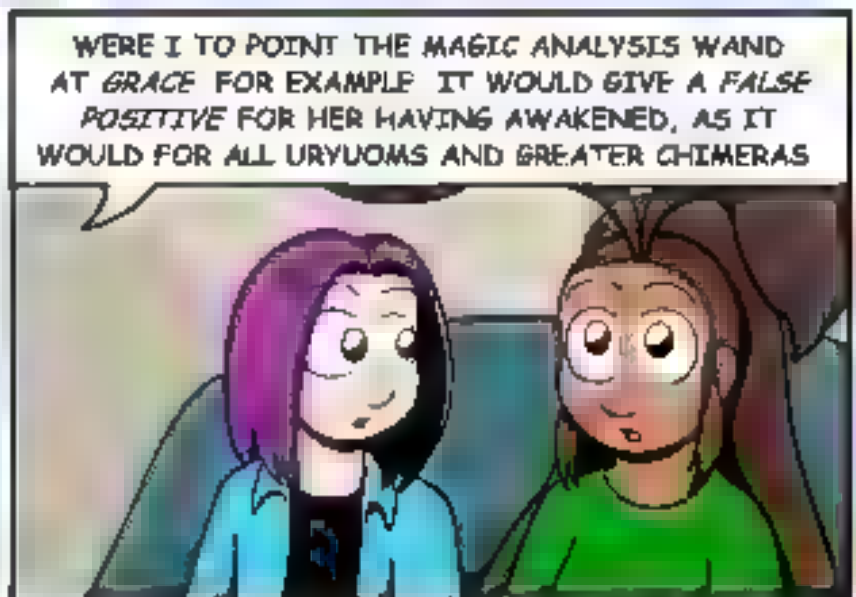
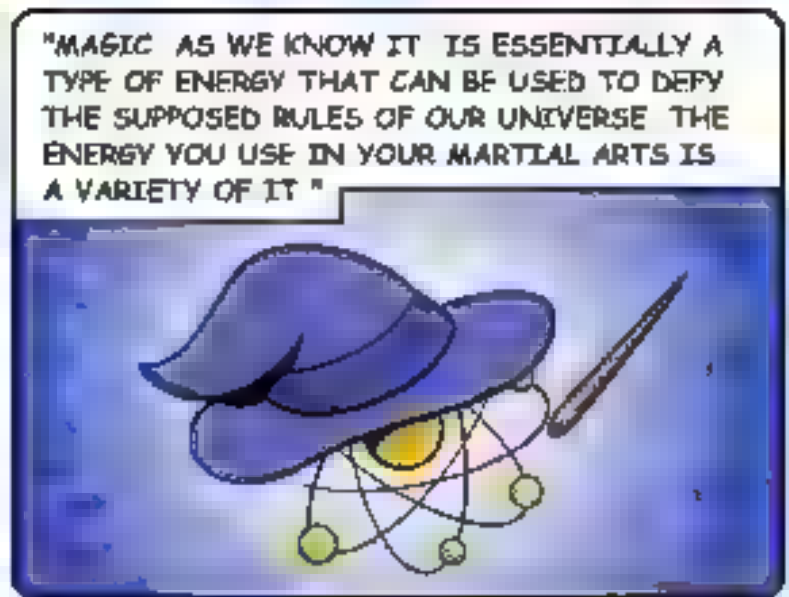
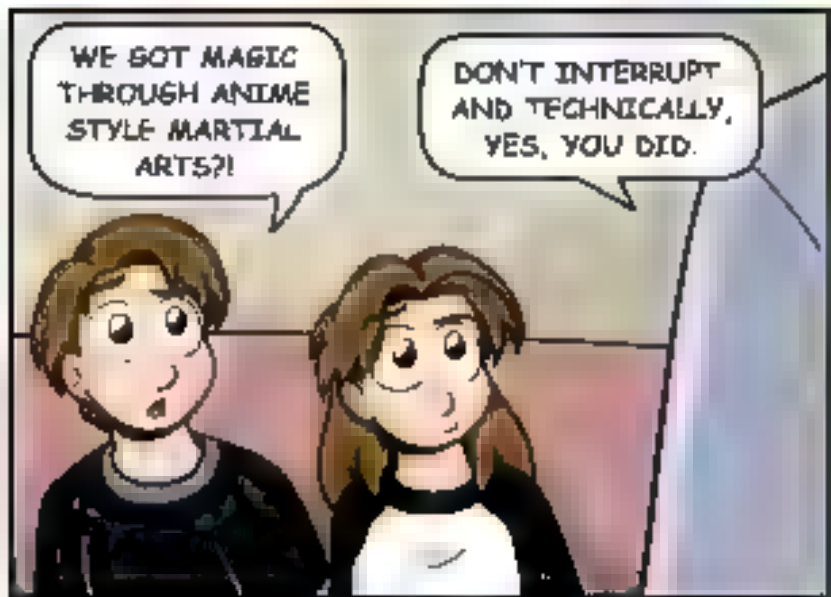
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"AWAKENINGS CAN BE TRIGGERED IN MANY WAYS, BUT ONLY A FEW OF THEM WON'T RESULT IN ENERGY BUILDUPS."

"ONE METHOD IS TO TRAIN HARD FOR IT AND ANOTHER IS TO HAVE ENOUGH MAGIC ENERGY FOR A MAGIC BEING TO TRIGGER IT FOR YOU "

"ELLIOT AND ELLEN HAD DEVELOPED SOME MAGIC ENERGY, AS NANASE HAD, THROUGH SPECIALIZED MARTIAL ARTS TRAINING. WHAT DIFFERS IS WHAT TRIGGERED THEIR INDIVIDUAL AWAKENINGS LATER ON."





GRACE AND THE TF GUN ARE MAGIC?

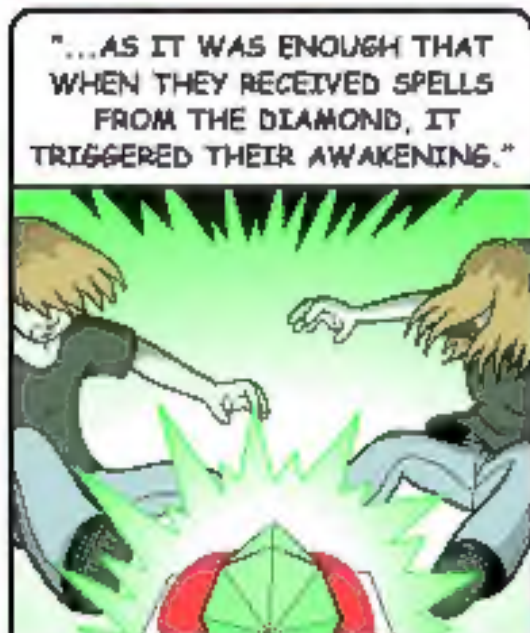
DOES THIS MEAN I GET A BLUE HAT?



THEY ARE NOT MAGIC; THEY JUST USE ENERGY THAT IS CLASSIFIED AS A TYPE OF MAGIC.

THAT SOUNDS LIKE THEY'RE MAGIC.

THE POINT IS, ELLIOT ALREADY HAD MAGIC ENERGY FROM MARTIAL ARTS TRAINING WHEN HE TOUCHED THE DEWITCHERY DIAMOND. FAR MORE THAN I EVER REALIZED, APPARENTLY...



"...AS IT WAS ENOUGH THAT WHEN THEY RECEIVED SPELLS FROM THE DIAMOND, IT TRIGGERED THEIR AWAKENING."



"THE FIRST SPELLS YOU TWO GET WILL BE RELATED TO THE ABILITIES THE DIAMOND GAVE YOU, SO TURNING INTO FEMALE FORMS FOR ELLIOT AND SHOOTING BEAMS FOR ELLEN."

"YOU BOTH MUST USE UP ENERGY WHEN YOU KNOW YOU CAN DO SO SAFELY, OR YOU WILL BE FORCED TO WHEN YOU LEAST EXPECT IT."



I GOT A CAT FORM AROUND THAT TIME. WON'T I GET CAT SPELLS, TOO?

"I'M SORRY, BUT IT'S WHAT TRIGGERED THE AWAKENING THAT MATTERS. YOU MIGHT GET CAT SPELLS EVENTUALLY, BUT NOT FOR A WHILE."



DON'T WORRY, ELLIOT. WE'LL GET YOU SOME HOT NEW OUTFITS!

GEE, THANKS.

OH, COME ON. YOU'LL TRANSFORM ONCE A DAY FOR NOW AND GET COOL ABILITIES LATER. THAT'S A SWEET DEAL! HAVE FUN WITH IT!



I'M AFRAID IT'S NOT QUITE THAT SIMPLE FOR ELLIOT.

EH?

WHILE YOU WILL BOTH GROW OUT OF THIS PHASE, NO LONGER EXPERIENCING ENERGY BUILDUPS AND LEARNING MORE FITTING SPELLS, IT WILL BE *MUCH* EASIER FOR ELLEN.

I--WHAT?
WHY?!

YOU WERE *CREATED* BY MAGIC AND HAVE A NATURAL ADVANTAGE OVER MOST PEOPLE, ELLIOT INCLUDED, REGARDING ANYTHING MAGICAL. YOU BOTH REACHED THIS PHASE AT THE SAME TIME, BUT YOU'LL GET OUT OF IT MORE QUICKLY AND WITH LESS BUILD UP.

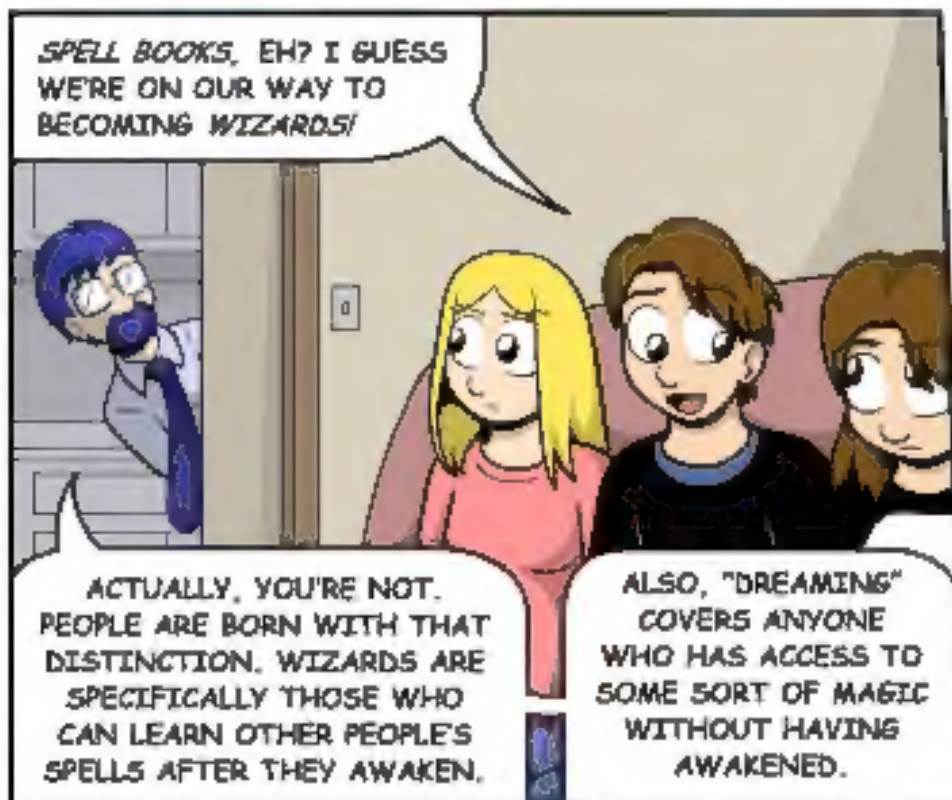
THE WAND CONFIRMS THIS. I BELIEVE *TWO BLASTS* OF YOUR BEAM EVERY MORNING SHOULD BE ENOUGH TO PREVENT INCIDENTS, THOUGH IT WOULD BE WISE TO DO IT AGAIN AFTER SCHOOL JUST TO BE CAUTIOUS.

ELLIOT, YOU SHOULD TRANSFORM IN THE MORNING, AND *ONCE EVERY SIX HOURS* YOU'RE AWAKE. YOU WILL ALSO NEED TO SPEND A FEW HOURS TRANSFORMED EVERY WEEK WHILE STILL AWAKE TO MOVE PAST THIS STAGE.

ONE *BRIGHT SIDE* TO THIS IS THAT YOUR ENERGY BUILDUP WILL SLOW SOMEWHAT WHILE YOU'RE TRANSFORMED, BUT THAT UNFORTUNATELY BRINGS ME TO THE NEXT CAVEAT.

ENERGY RECOVERY, AND CONSEQUENTLY *BUILDUP*, IS GREATEST WHILE SLEEPING.

I RECOMMEND GOING TO SLEEP WHILE TRANSFORMED. IT WILL MAKE THINGS EASIER THE NEXT DAY, AND IF YOU DON'T, YOU WILL MOST LIKELY WAKE UP TRANSFORMED ANYWAY WITH EXTRA ENERGY ALREADY BUILT UP.



SO, UH... I GUESS WE SHOULD GET GOING.
GONNA BE DINNER TIME SOON...

THIS IS A RINGTONE SONG... RINGING ALL THE...

SORRY, THAT'S MINE...

SUSAN?

I'M AT
TEDD'S.

YEAH, ELLIOT'S
HERE. WHAT IS IT?

NO WAY! ARE
YOU SERIOUS?!

THAT'S
AWESOME!

OK, I'LL TELL THEM! BYE!

SUSAN'S GOING TO
BE ON THE NEWS!

SHE
IS?!

SOME NEWS CREW SHOWED UP TO DO A REPORT ABOUT
THAT MONKEY THING YOU FOUGHT AND WOUND UP
INTERVIEWING SUSAN ABOUT THE UNIFORMS, TOO!

SO, WAIT... BECAUSE I
FOUGHT AN EVIL MONKEY,
SUSAN GETS
TO BE ON
THE NEWS?

I HELPED!